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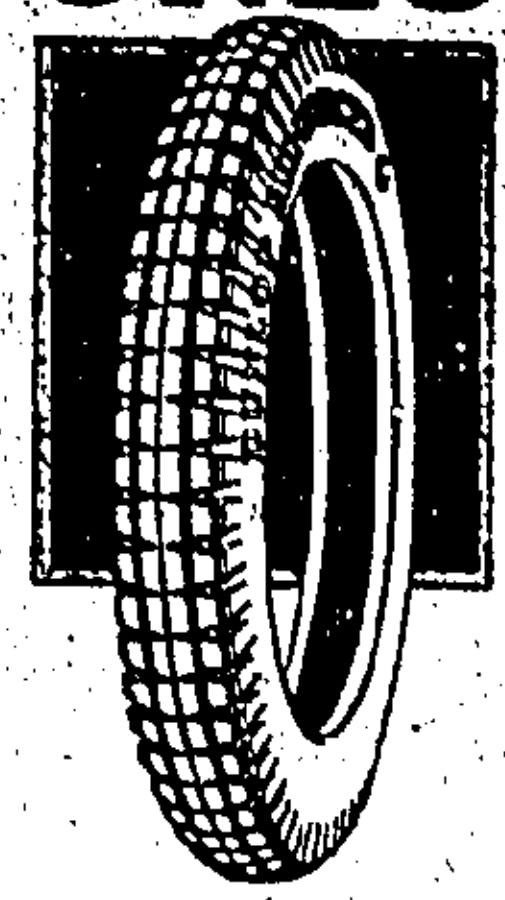
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PRIME MINISTER APPEALS FOR BOLDNESS.

INDIAN CONFERENCE SPEECHES.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S FAMOUS PROCLAMATION.

MUTUAL GOOD WILL.

London, Nov. 12.

The King Emperor's Speech at the inauguration of the Indian Round-Table Conference, together with summaries of the other speeches, was broadcast throughout India, Australia, Canada, United States, Germany, Denmark and Holland.

At the end of the sitting, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister and Chairman of the Conference, proposed that a committee to advise the conference on the conduct of business should be constituted, composed of sixteen members representative of the delegations.

The Conference later adjourned until Monday when it will meet during the morning at St. James's Palace.

Tardiness Reply.

In the course of his speech, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said that the declarations made by British Sovereigns and statesmen from time to time that Great Britain's work in India was to prepare her for self-government have been plain.

If some say that these declarations have been applied with woeful tardiness, I reply that no permanent evolution has seemed to anyone passing through the period of progress to be anything but tardy.

We have met to try and register, by agreement, recognition of the fact that India has reached a distinctive point in the process of her evolution.

Whatever that agreement may be, there will be some who will say that it is not good enough, and some who will say that it goes too far. Let them say so. We must boldly come out and appeal to intelligent and informed public opinion.

Civil disorder is by way of reaction and it destroys social mentality from which all constitutional development derives and upon which all internal administration is based. Men who co-operate are the pioneers of progress.

Give and Take.

The Maharajah of Jammu and Kashmir said: "Neither England nor India can afford to see this conference end in failure. We must be impressed by mutual understanding and good-will. We shall need to give and take. If we succeed it is England no less than India which gains. If we fail, it is India no less than England which loses. We are no belligerents assembled to dictate or accept peace, but partners met together to adjust our mutual interests to the common benefit."

Victoria's Proclamation.

The Maharajah of Baroda said: By concession in a generous measure to the aspirations of the Princes and the peoples of India and by that alone can realisation be given to the noble words of Queen Victoria, who said, in a famous proclamation: "In their prosperity will be our strength, in their contentment our security, in their gratitude our best reward." May we all labour wholeheartedly with mutual trust and goodwill for the attainment of so great an end.

Promises to India.

Mr. Srinivasa Sastri declared: Through all the clouds of prejudice and misunderstanding that have darkened the problem, two statements of policy shine like stars by whose light we can guide ourselves. They both have the authority of His Majesty's Government. One was made by the Viceroy a year ago, to the effect that the natural issue of India's constitutional progress as con-

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PRINCE OF WALES FLIES DO.X.

TAKES FULL CONTROL FOR TEN MINUTES.

"A WONDERFUL SHIP."

London, Nov. 12.

The Prince of Wales, after flying from Hendon Aerodrome, near London, to Southampton Water to-day was a passenger in a demonstration flight in the German flying boat Do.X. which is to cross the Atlantic.

To the surprise of officials at Calshot Aerodrome, near Southampton, where the Do.X. is moored, the Prince arrived in an amphibian machine, the "Sare Cloud," a most powerful amphibian, owned by Mr. Holt, the wealthy Canadian business man.

The machine alighted and taxied across to the Do.X. where Doctor and Frau Dornier welcomed the Prince.

On returning from a brief flight over the Isle of Wight, it was stated that for a brief spell the Prince took full control of the Do.X.

During the flight the Prince, who was much impressed with the flying boat, toasted the Commander and the crew and wished them success on their Atlantic flight.

A short flight was later made to enable the Prince to see the vessel take off and alight on the water. The Do.X. is expected to leave Calshot on Friday.

The Prince later flew back to London. He took over the controls of the Do.X. for ten minutes and remarked subsequently: "She is a wonderful ship."—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

FRENCHMEN'S DASH TO SAIGON.

ARRIVAL IN BANGKOK NOW REPORTED.

Bangkok, Nov. 12.

Goulette and Lalouette, the French fliers, have arrived here from Calcutta. They have a hop of 400 miles before them to complete their brilliant flight from Paris to Saigon.—*Reuter.*

Lady Flier Sets Out.

Villa Coublay, Nov. 12.

Mademoiselle Hille has started an attempt to fly to Saigon and back in a light aeroplane.—*Reuter.*

ANGLO-ARGENTINE TRADE.

AGREEMENT SOON TO BE PUT INTO FORCE.

London, Nov. 12.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary, said the Argentine Minister for Foreign Affairs recently informed the British Ambassador that Lord D'Abernon's agreement awaits the approval of the Senate, and, when this was given, the Executive would take the necessary steps to put it into force.—*British Wireless.*

NEW YORK DRUG RING ALLEGATIONS.

TWENTY-ONE PERSONS UNDER ARREST.

New York, Nov. 12.

Twenty-one people have been arrested allegedly as participants in a drug ring which has been carrying on a business amounting to \$10,000 weekly in supplying narcotics in the foreign quarter of New York.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MRS. BRUCE REACHES AMOY.

NEXT HOP PROBABLY TO-MORROW.

Amoy, Nov. 12.

Mrs. Bruce made a good landing at Amoy at 4.30 p.m. to-day. A leakage from the pump needing slight repairs. Mrs. Bruce will probably leave on Friday.—*Reuter.*

DAYLIGHT OUTRAGE BY PIRATES.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER VICTIMISED.

SHIP TAKEN TO MIRS BAY IN BRITISH WATERS.

STEWARD SHOT DOWN.

BOUND from Swatow to Bangkok, the Norwegian s.s. *Hirundo*, of about 2,000 tons, was pirated off Bias Bay by a gang of desperadoes yesterday, a Chinese steward being shot and badly wounded, while the chief and third comrades were kidnapped, presumably for ransom.

Less than four months have elapsed since the last seizure by pirates of an ocean-going steamer, and the latest outrage contains several unusual features.

The gang attacked in full daylight, at noon yesterday to be precise, while they made their landing at Mirs Bay, in British waters, this being the first instance of such daring within memory.

It was not until daylight this morning that the vessel was released, a wireless message being despatched to Hongkong immediately the pirates had left.

Main details of the experiences of the Officers and crew of the ship are still lacking, but from interviews secured this morning with the wounded man and a pantry boy, the essential facts can be re-constructed.

NO RESISTANCE OFFERED.

The pirates were in full control of the *Hirundo* from noon yesterday until daylight this morning. Exactly how many took part in the outrage cannot be estimated, but it appears that the party divided up, gathered unostentatiously at vital points aboard and rushed the bridge, took control of the main deck and the engine-room simultaneously.

The Chinese steward was shot down on coming to the door of the galley when the pirates made their first rush, to see what was the cause of the commotion. One of the gang immediately opened fire on him without compunction, two bullets taking effect, one in the shoulder and the other in the arm.

Two Shots Only.

These, it is understood, were the only shots fired during the attack, the pirates gaining control of the bridge before the officers had an opportunity of offering resistance.

It is the first time that any ship operated by Messrs. Thoresen local agents for the owners, has been pirated, and possibly this accounts for the fact that the vessel carried no guards.

Official Warning.

The outrage follows very quickly upon an official notification, issued a few days back, warning ship-masters that a gang of pirates had left the Bias Bay area for an unknown destination—possibly Shanghai.

According to one of the victims, the gang was extraordinarily thorough in its activities aboard. They made a complete haul of the possessions of the Chinese passengers, numbering some 200, and of the officers, and Mrs. Pedersen, the wife of the captain, who was aboard the vessel.

Arrival in Harbour.

The *Hirundo* entered harbour at 11.45 this morning under escort of a police launch. She tied up near Green Island, and was soon surrounded by a fleet of official craft, including a launch conveying a doctor to attend to the wounded man.

Shortly afterwards, the wounded steward was taken down the gangway into one of the police launches, but the fact that he was able to sit and reply to a few questions put to him by a *Telegraph* representative showed that he was not in a very bad way. He had received two wounds, one in the left shoulder, from which the bullet had been extracted, and the other a clean flesh wound in the upper part of his left arm.

From all accounts he was the only casualty, having been unfortunate enough to be the victim of the only two shots fired by the pirates.

Wounded Man's Story.

He told the *Telegraph* representative that at the time the pirates revealed their presence, he was supervising cooking the galley. Hearing a hurry-urry outside, he stepped into the alleyway, and was instantly wounded by shots fired by one of a party of four pirates which, was rushing through the alleyway. He then dashed into a cabin and remained there until the departure of the pirates.

Asked if he could distinguish the Pirate Chief, the injured man replied in the negative. He could say, however, that all the pirates were well versed in various dialects. From his point of observation, he counted at least twelve pirates, some of whom moved about without arms.

While the injured man was conveyed to Blake Pier, where an ambulance was waiting to take him to the Government Civil Hospital, a rigid control was maintained by the police investigators of the movements of all persons on board. Passengers were closely sheltered about by police officers, and it would appear that all the Chinese on the *Hirundo* were being subjected to close interrogation.

Pantryboy's Experience.

Very little of the actual piracy could be told by Nya Mok-hin, a pantryboy, who was on the main deck washing clothes at the time the pirates made their appearance. They came up from below just after two shots had been heard, and made for the spot where the pantryboy was in company with a number of Chinese passengers.

On the appearance of the pirates, some of whom were armed, the passengers took fright and began to scatter, but the pirates shouted to them that if they did not remain where they were, they would be shot.

A Hungry Gang.

The pantryboy was then bundled into the pantry, where five or six other Chinese were already locked up, and they all stayed there until after the departure of the pirates at daylight to-day.

Between four and five o'clock yesterday afternoon, the "boy" was kept busy preparing meals for the pirates, who expressed a partiality for chicken and rice-gruel. They partook of this liberally, and afterwards complained the "boy" on the excellence of his cooking! The No. 1 comrade who was

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NO PEACE TALKS YET HELD.

CHANG HSUEH-LIANG KEPT BUSY.

DISARMMENT CONFERENCE CONTEMPLATED.

PLENARY SESSION.

Nanking, Nov. 12.

No official conference between Chang Hsueh-liang and Chiang Kai-shek has yet been held, but taking advantage of the presence in Nanking of the Mukden and other prominent military leaders, the National Government has announced its intentions of summoning a Disarmament Conference to meet next week at the conclusion of the Kuomintang Plenary Session.

The greatest importance is attached to this proposal as it is anticipated that in the event of the Manchurian and Nanking leaders achieving an understanding regarding disarmament, the preservation of peace will be assured. General Chang Hsueh-liang will, presumably, represent Manchurian interests at the Disarmament Conference.

Fourth Plenary Session.

There was a big gathering of Kuomintang C.E.C. commissioners this morning at Central Headquarters when the Fourth Plenary Session was opened.

Among others present were Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, Generals Chang Hsueh-liang, Ho Ying-ching, Chan Ming-shu, Ho Chen-chun, Chu Pei-teh, and Messrs. Sun Fo, C. T. Wang, Tai Chi-tao, Wu Teh-chen, Yu Yu-jen, Ting Wei-fan, T. V. Soong, Wang Pei-chun, H. H. Kung, Liu Chi-wen, Chan Chak, Wu Tse-hui, Chang Ching-kuang, Tsai Yuen-pai, and Wu Han-min, who presided at the meetings.

In his inaugural speech, Mr. Wu Han-min, the head of the Legislative Council, mentioned that the opening of the Kuomintang Session synchronised with the birthday of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the Kuomintang founder. He said that the public were placing the highest hopes in the Plenary Session, trusting it would accomplish something towards the unification of China.

Mausoleum Ceremony.

Prior to the opening of the Session, over five hundred prominent officials, including Chang Kai-shek and Chang Hsueh-liang were present at the Central Kuomintang auditorium at a commemorative service given in connexion with the anniversary of the birthday of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Messrs. Wu Tse-hui and Wu Han-min delivered speeches on the life and work of the late Kuomintang founder. All 11 o'clock the leaders were present at the unveiling ceremony of a statue of the Father of the Republic at the Mausoleum, performed by Chang Hsueh-liang.

The proceedings were marked by gunfire salutes while all public institutions celebrated the occasion, a general holiday being declared.

Taiyuan Bombing.

In connexion with the planes of the Manchurian Government to strengthen defences on the frontier, twenty German bombing aeroplanes arrived at Mukden this morning. The purchase is part of the Manchurian programme for an expansion of aerial strength.

Following a request from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at Taiyuanfu, the Nationalist commander at Chengchow has promised to cease the bombing of Taiyuanfu for a few days on condition that Marshal Yen Hsishan leaves the city. The Nationalists will resume the attack if Marshal Yen refuses to leave Shansi.

FINE WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has weakened and is now central near Shanghai. The monsoon will moderate along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea. The local forecast is:—N.E. winds, fresh; Fine.

CHINA'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS.

"AGENDA" IN CHANG-CHIANG CONVERSATIONS.

MINISTRY CHANGES.

Nanking, Nov. 13.

It is generally believed that the outstanding issues for discussion between Chang Hsueh-liang and Chiang Kai-shek, which are to be taken up soon, will concern national defence, the reorganisation of the Kuominchun and Shansi troops and possible changes in the personnel of the National Government.

It is predicted in ordinarily well-informed circles that the Ministers for War, Finance, Foreign Affairs, and Railways and Communications will remain unchanged, but it is reported that new men will probably be appointed to the portfolios of Education, Home Affairs, Agriculture and Mines.

It is also suggested that Yu Yu-jen will be appointed head either of the Executive or of the Control Yuan.

On the military side it appears likely that the two leaders will agree that part of the Kuominchun shall be reorganised and distributed in various parts of the country for bandit suppression.

Chang Hsueh-liang may undertake the reorganisation of the Shansi troops, and it is reported that he may remain in Nanking for a fortnight.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN'S TRADE FIGURES.

SOME IMPROVEMENT ON SEPTEMBER.

London, Nov. 12.

Although the Board of Trade returns for October show a welcome improvement in trade as compared with September, the values of exports and imports were much below those of the corresponding month of last year.

The exports last month totalled £46,900,000 as compared with £42,700,000 in September, and £44,500,000 in October last year.

The imports amounted to £90,800,000 compared with £78,000,000 in September, and £110,200,000 in October last.—*British Wireless.*

RUBBER COMMITTEE RESIGNING.

CONSIDERS ITS TASK IS ENDED.

Amsterdam, Nov. 12.

It is understood that at the Rubber Producers' meeting arranged for the 17th instant to discuss further the crisis in the industry, the Rubber Committee apparently intends to tender its resignation.

It is concluded from this decision that the Committee considers that its task is ended.—*Reuter.*

UNION OF EAST AFRICA.

NORTHERN RHODESIA NOT AFFECTED.

London, Nov. 12.

In the House of Commons, Mr. W. Lunn, Under-Secretary for the Dominions, said the Joint Committee intended to be set up to enquire into closer union in East Africa would not be instructed to enquire into the future status and constitution of Northern Rhodesia.—*British Wireless.*

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

LEAVES ADDISA BABA ON SHOOTING TRIP.

Addisa Baba, Nov. 12.

The Duke of Gloucester left for Modjo to-day the ceremonies in connexion with the Coronation of the Emperor having concluded. H.R.H. took with a cinematograph camera and he hopes to obtain films of rare animals.—*Reuter.*

JEWISH BEQUEST DISPUTE.

MONEY FOR POOR OF JERUSALEM.

"PRINCIPAL SYNAGOGUE" CLAIMANTS.

SETTLEMENT AGREED.

A bequest in the will of a former Hongkong resident to the chief Jewish Synagogue in Jerusalem, prompted an action, which was settled in the Supreme Court before Mr. Justice Wood this morning.

The proceedings arose from a bequest in the will of Sema Belfios, of Calcutta, and the Hongkong Hotel dated August 23, 1923, which read: "After payment of my debts, my funeral and testamentary expenses and of legacies and bequests heretofore contained, I give, devise and bequeath, all the residue and remainder of my estate and effects whatsoever unto the principal Jewish synagogue in Jerusalem, to be invested by the governing body of that synagogue in such securities as they may think fit upon trust, to apply the annual income thereof in succouring the poor and needy in Jerusalem, and direct that the receipt by the Treasurer for the time being of the said principal synagogue in Jerusalem be a good discharge to the executors and trustees who shall not be answerable for the subsequent application of the said money.

Two Claimants.

Three defendants were named, these being the Attorney General of Hongkong, the Chief Rabbi Meir, and the General Council of the Yochanan Ben Zakai Synagogue, of the Sephardic Jews of Jerusalem, and the Chief Rabbi Kook and the General Council of the Beth Jacob (or Hurva) Synagogue of the Ashkenzie Jews of Jerusalem.

Both Councils claimed theirs to be the principal synagogue in Jerusalem, according to the description in the will of Sema Belfios, and evidence was taken on commission both in Jerusalem and Calcutta. Subsequently, the third defendant withdrew, and at the Supreme Court to-day, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, (instructed by Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Johnson, Stokes, and Master), appeared to satisfy the Court that the Yochanan Ben Zakai Synagogue was the principal Jewish synagogue in Jerusalem and, therefore, entitled to the bequest.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) was for the third defendant, and Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, instructed by Mr. Holmes, the Crown Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Attorney General, cited as the first defendant.

Expert Evidence.

Mr. Jenkin read extracts of evidence given on commission by David Jaon Moses, in Calcutta. The witness had carried out comprehensive research into the history and life of the Jewish community in Palestine, and he had written and had published a book and several articles on the subject. In the course of his investigations into the history of the Yochanan Synagogue, he had satisfied himself that it was the oldest Jewish Synagogue in Jerusalem at which prayers and services were still conducted.

Visits of Royalty.

He produced records of visits to the Synagogue by European royalty, including a visit by H.I.M. Franz Joseph of Austria in 1820 and of King Edward VII of England. There was also a record of H.M. King George V visiting the house of the then Chief Rabbi of the Sephardic Jews on the Passover Night of 1882, when a special service was held.

A Sephardic synagogue was in existence in Jerusalem in 1628, and the Ben Zakai was repaired and renovated in 1838. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy said that he was prepared to admit that the Yochanan Ben Zakai synagogue was the principal Jewish synagogue in Jerusalem. Mr. Potter also agreed, and Mr. Justice Wood, in concurring, made an order for a declaration to be granted in favour of the second defendant, with costs of all parties to be paid out of the estate.

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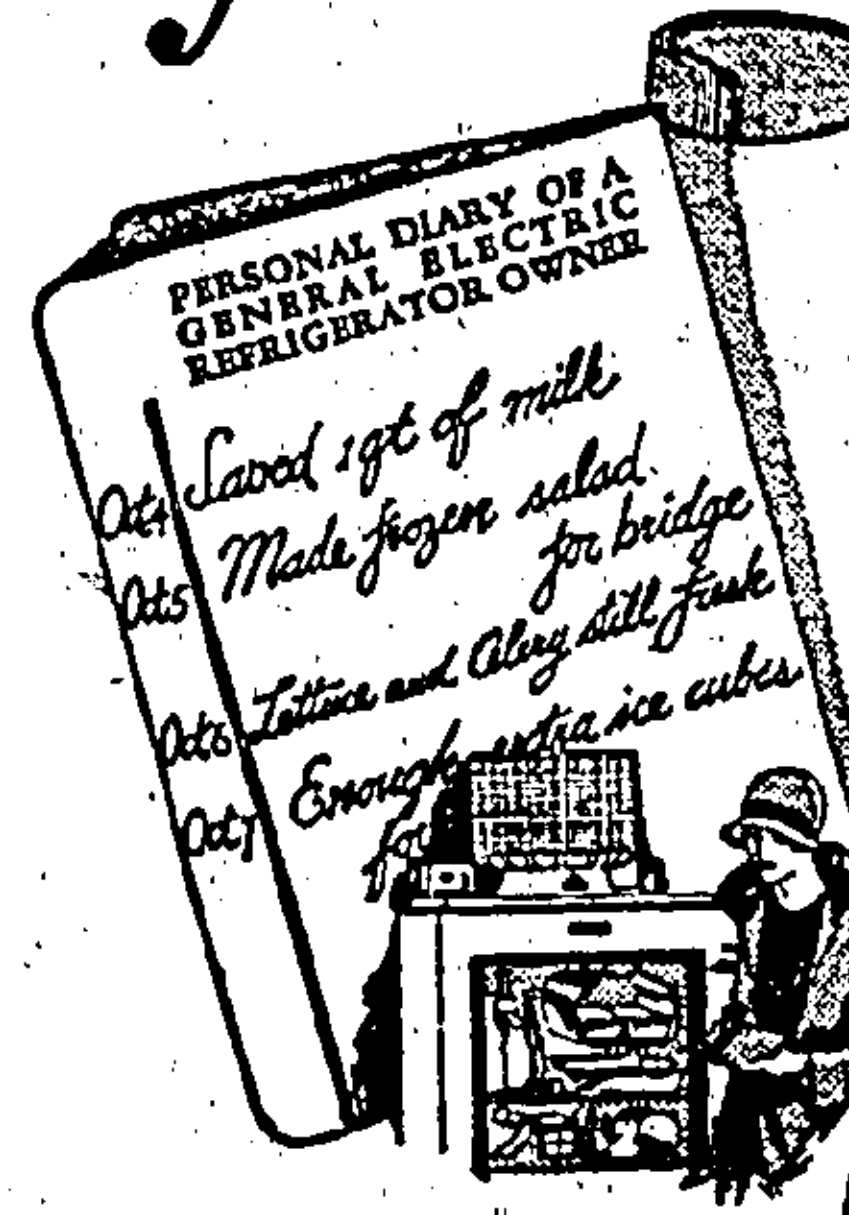
London, Nov. 12.

The immense importance at-
tached to the Indian Round Table
Conference is apparent in to-day's
papers, which publish explanatory
articles on the matter, also leaders
on the significance of the occasion.An undercurrent of optimism
reveals itself, although the difficul-
ties are not discounted.When the King, Emperor, sur-
rounded by his Ministers, the
Princes of India, ex-Viceroy, ex-
Governors of Provinces in India,
and representatives of almost all
shades of political thought at home
and in India, took his seat on the
throne in the Royal Gallery of the
House of Lords, he opened the
second conference of world-wide
importance which he has inaugurated
this year.To-day's proceedings followed
largely the lines of the Naval
Conference opened in January.
The King, as then, delivered a his-
toric speech before a silver micro-
phone, which conveyed his words to
the uttermost parts of the earth.
Gramophone records were also
taken, to be rushed out to India by
air mail and completed at works in
Calcutta, then distributed all over
India to enable Indians to hear
their Emperor's voice.**THE KING'S SPEECH.**A Statesmanlike Summary
of the Issues.The King's speech on the open-
ing of the Round Table Confer-
ence was as follows:"It affords me much satisfaction
to welcome to the capital of my
Empire representatives of the
Princes, Chiefs and people of
India, and to inaugurate their con-
ference with my Ministers and re-
presentatives of other parties
composing Parliament, in whose
premises we are assembled.More than once, a sovereign has
summoned historic assemblies of
the soil of India, but never before
have British and Indian states-
men and rulers of Indian States
met as you now meet, in one place,
and round one table, to discuss a
future system of government for
India, and to seek agreement, for
the guidance of my Parliament
as to the foundations upon which
it must stand.Nearly ten years ago, in a mes-
sage to my Indian Legislature, I
dwelt upon the significance of its
establishment in the constitu-
tional progress of India. Ten
years is but a brief span in the
life of any nation, but this decade
has witnessed, not only in India,
but throughout all the nations
forming the British Common-
wealth, a quickening and growth
in ideas and aspirations, of na-
tionhood which defy the custom-
ary measurement of time. It
should therefore be no matter of
surprise to men in this genera-
tion that it was then contem-
plated that it should have become
necessary to estimate and review
the results of what was begun ten
years ago, and make further pro-
vision for the future.**The Statutory Commission.**Such a review has lately been
carried out by a Statutory Com-
mission appointed by me for that
purpose, and you have before you
the outcome of their labours, to-
gether with other contributions
which have been, or can be made
to a solution of the great problem
confronting you. No words of
mine are needed to bring home to
you the momentous character of
the task to which you have set your
hands.Each one of you will, with me,
be profoundly conscious how much
depends for the whole British Com-
monwealth on the issue of your
consultations. This community of
interests leads me to count it as
a happy augury that there shouldbe present to-day representatives
of my Government in all the sister
States of the Commonwealth. I
shall follow the course of your pro-
ceedings with the closest and most
sympathetic interest, not indeed
without anxiety, but with a greater
confidence.**The Claims of All.**The material conditions which
surround the lives of my
subjects in India affects me
nearly, and will be ever present
in your thoughts during the
forthcoming deliberations. I have
also in mind the just claims
of the majorities and minorities,
men and women, town-dwellers and
tillers of the soil, landlords and
tenants, strong and weak, rich and
poor, of the races, castes and creeds
of which the body politic is com-
posed.For these things I care deeply.
I cannot doubt that the true founda-
tion of self-government is a
fusion of such divergent claims
into mutual obligations, and in
their recognition and fulfilment. It
is my hope that the future Govern-
ment of India, based on this founda-
tion, will give expression to her
honourable aspirations. May your
discussion point the way to a sure
achievement of this end, and may
your names go down in history as
those of men who served India
well, and whose endeavours ad-
vanced the happiness and pros-
perity of all my beloved people. I
pray that Providence may grant
you, in bounteous measure, wis-
dom, patience and goodwill."**THE PREMIER SPEAKS.**"Responsibility Lies Heavily
On Us All."After the King's speech, the Chan-
cellor of the Chamber of Princes,
proposed the appointment of Mr.
Ramsay MacDonald as chairman.
The Maharajah of Patiala assured
Mr. MacDonald of the heartiest
co-operation of the Indian States.
The Aga Khan seconded this.Mr. MacDonald then addressed
the gathering, and said:"Responsibility lies heavily on
us all. We are now at the very
birth of new history."He recalled the periodic de-
clarations of British sovereigns
and statesmen that Great Britain's
work in India was to prepare
India for self-government. "We
meet to try and register, by
agreement, our recognition of the
fact that India has reached a dis-
tinctive point in her constitutional
evolution."He emphasised that stubborn
diversities of view had still to be
brought together, and conflicting
interests that hitherto had proved
irreconcilable.Mr. MacDonald urged the con-
ference to meet the problems a-
men determined to surmount
them. "Why not? What prob-
lem of growth and development in
liberty and institutions have our
people not faced, and, united, we
remain despite all our diversities
because of our skill in harmonis-
ing differences by reasonable
mutual accommodation."**A Bond of Union.**The Premier said His Majes-
ty's presence enabled them to
understand the strength and flexi-
bility of the bond binding a whole
commonwealth of nations to-
gether in loyalty and devotion to
the Crown. "The attendance of
representatives of the Dominion
Governments is an earnest of the
interest and goodwill with which
the sister states of the Common-
wealth of Nations will follow our
labours."He declared that the association
of Indian Princes for the first time
in joint conclave with representa-
tives of the people of British India
was symbolical of the gradual
moulding together of India into
one whole.As regards the representatives
of British India, Mr. MacDonald
said he was mindful of their dif-
ferent communities, languages
and interests, but was rejoiced
still more of the quickening of
unifying influences which had
grown irresistibly from her con-
tact with Great Britain, "and, in-
deed, the aspirations for a United
India which were in the minds of**Glorious Health-Giving
Sleep for YOU!**There's nothing like that feel-
ing, after seven or eight hours
good sound sleep, of being per-
fectly rested, and ready, full of
energy, for another day's work.
More especially is it appreciated
when, for some reason or another,
nights have been broken and sleep
hard to obtain.There is nothing which pulls
you down more quickly or surely
than loss of sleep, and sleepless-
ness is a condition that requires
instant attention. It must not be
allowed to go on one single night
longer than can be avoided.Sleeplessness may be caused by
a variety of things but chiefly it
is the nerves which are at the root
of the trouble. Faulty digestion
is another cause, although, in
these cases the condition is not
so devastating as it is in nerve
cases.But both these conditions have
a common root cause—they are
both the result of poor and in-
sufficient blood. When blood is
thin the nerves are starved, they
are jaded by work and are unable
to relax after the tension of the
day.Digestion suffers also because
the blood surrounding the diges-
tive organs is lacking in quantity
and quality. Dr. Williams' Pink
Pills, build-up the blood—strengthen
the nerves and the digestion, and
enable you to enjoy the great gift
of sound sleep.her philosophers and rulers before
the first English trader set foot
on her shores."Mr. MacDonald also emphasised
the presence of representatives of
all three parties in the British
Parliament; but, apart from all
these things, he stressed the
"simple fact that we have come
here to sit at one table with the
set and sole purpose of India's
advancement within the com-
panionship of the Common-
wealth, in itself an undeniable
sign of progress towards that
end."He concluded with an appeal to
make the conference "worthy of
the best political genius of our
peoples."**THE INDIAN PRINCES.**Loyalty to the Crown and to
Their Countrymen.The Gaekwar of Baroda said he
doubted if ever before those his-
toric precincts had been the scene
of such a conference, on issues
involving the prosperity and con-
tentment of India's millions and
the greatness of the British Em-
pire.The Maharaja Jammu of Kash-
mir declared that the Princes, as
allies of Britain, stand solidly by
the British connexion. "As In-
dians, we stand as solidly as the
rest of our countrymen for our
land's enjoyment of a position of
honour and equality in the Brit-
ish commonwealth of nations."Sir Muhammad Akbar Hydari,
representing the Nizam of Hydera-
bad, declared—"No hand shall
sever the ties binding the Princes
to the Crown." At the same time,
the Indian States were ready to
work harmoniously with the peo-
ple of British India, "for a greater
and united India."Mr. S. Sastri (Hindu) said—"Above
all, the vision of India as a
whole must shine brightly in our
hearts, and her strength and pros-
perity must be a sovereign con-
sideration governing all our
plans."Mr. Jinnah (Moslem) empha-
sised that India now expected the
translation of fulfilment into action
of the declaration by the Viceroy on
October 31 that, by the declaration
of 1917, the natural issue of India's
constitutional progress was the
attainment of Dominion Status.
Mr. Jinnah expressed pleasure at
the presence of representatives of
the Dominions. He said:

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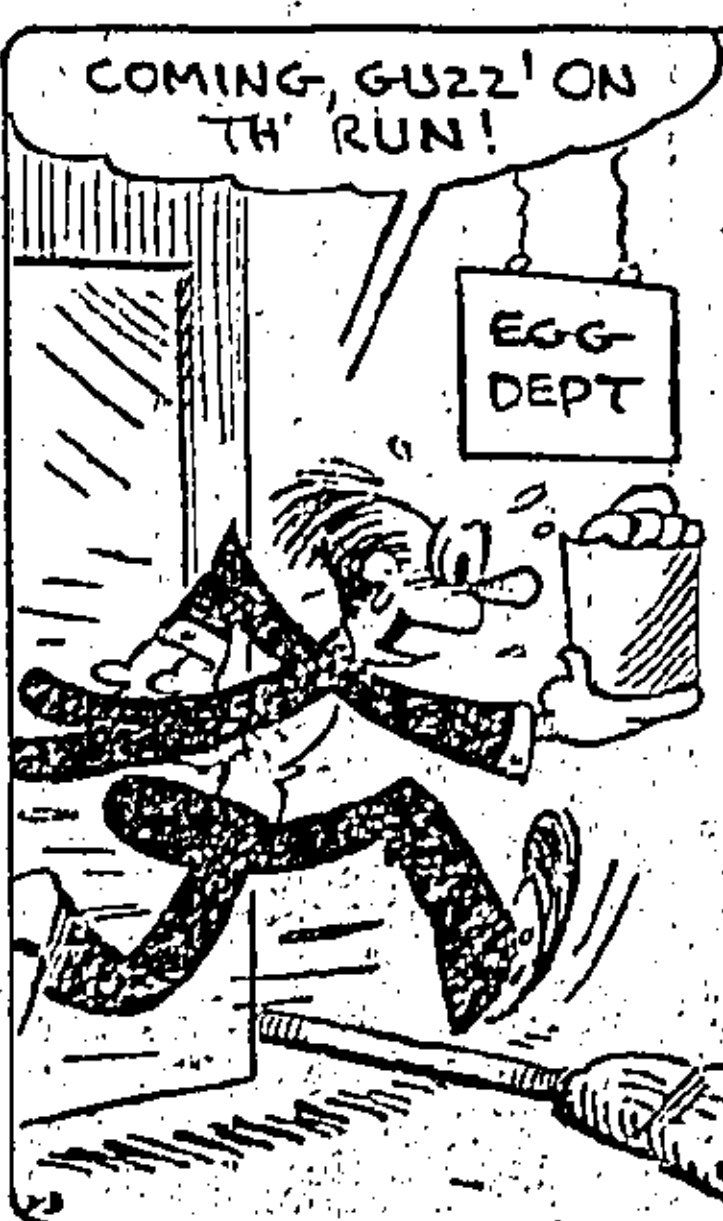
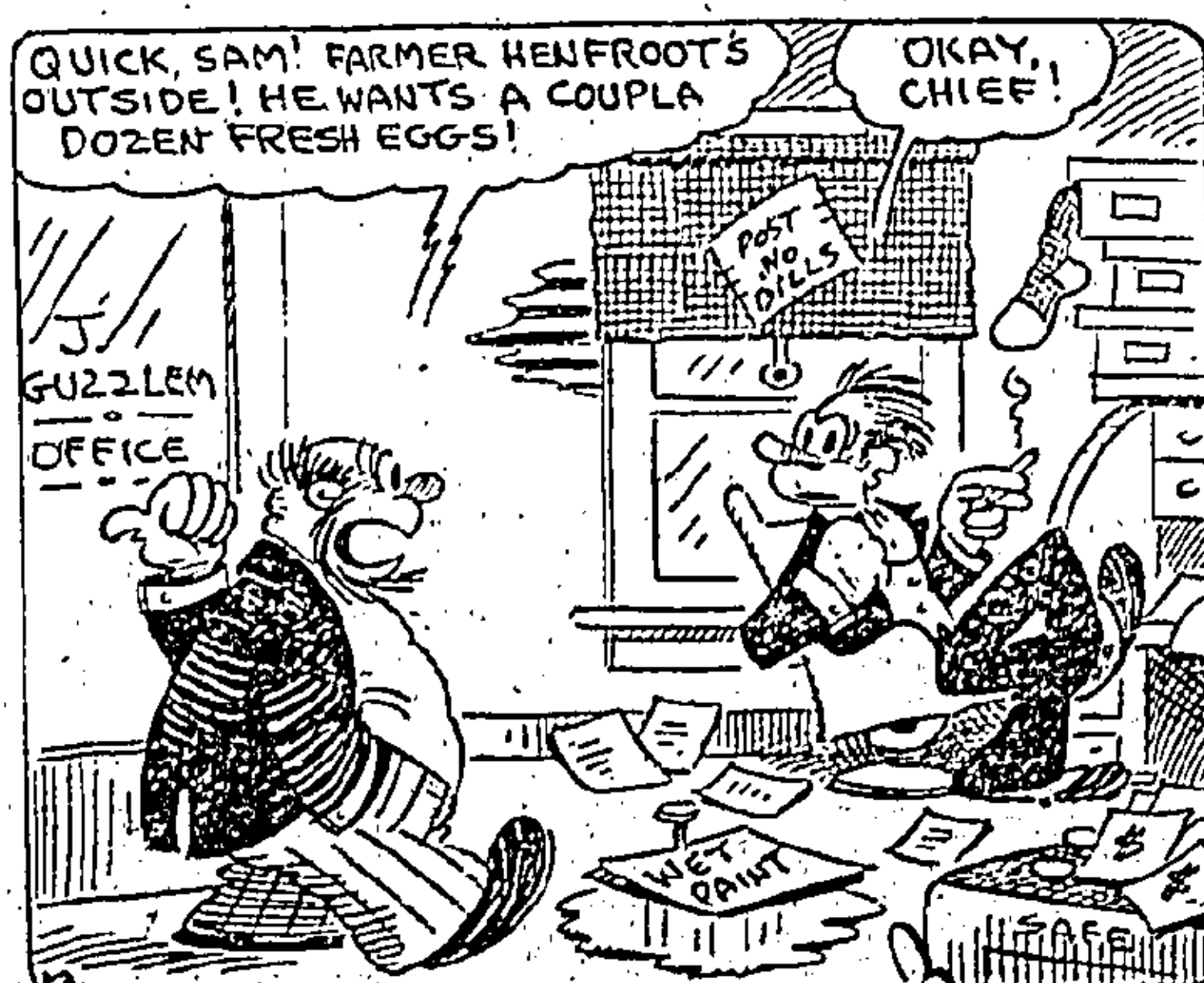
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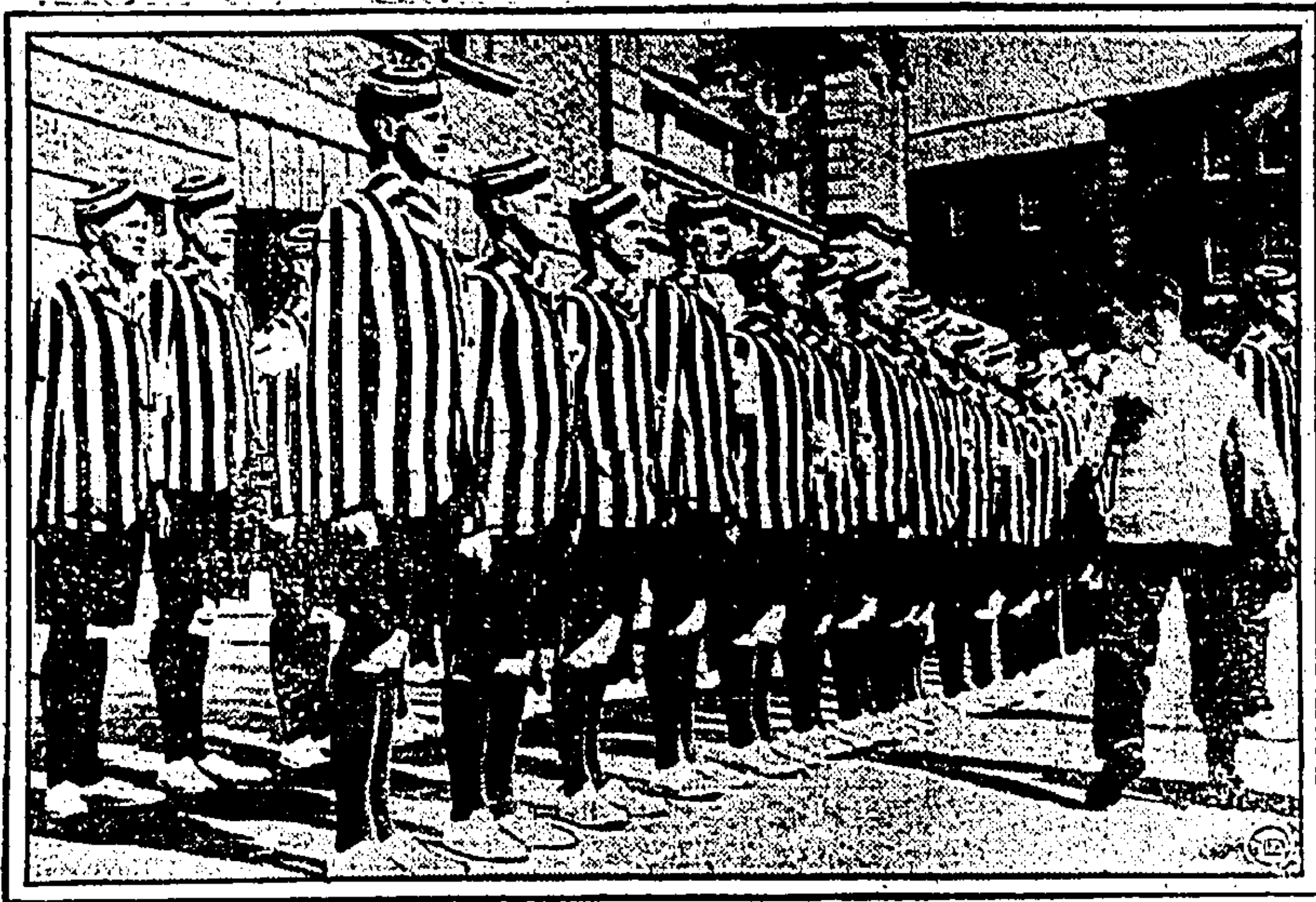
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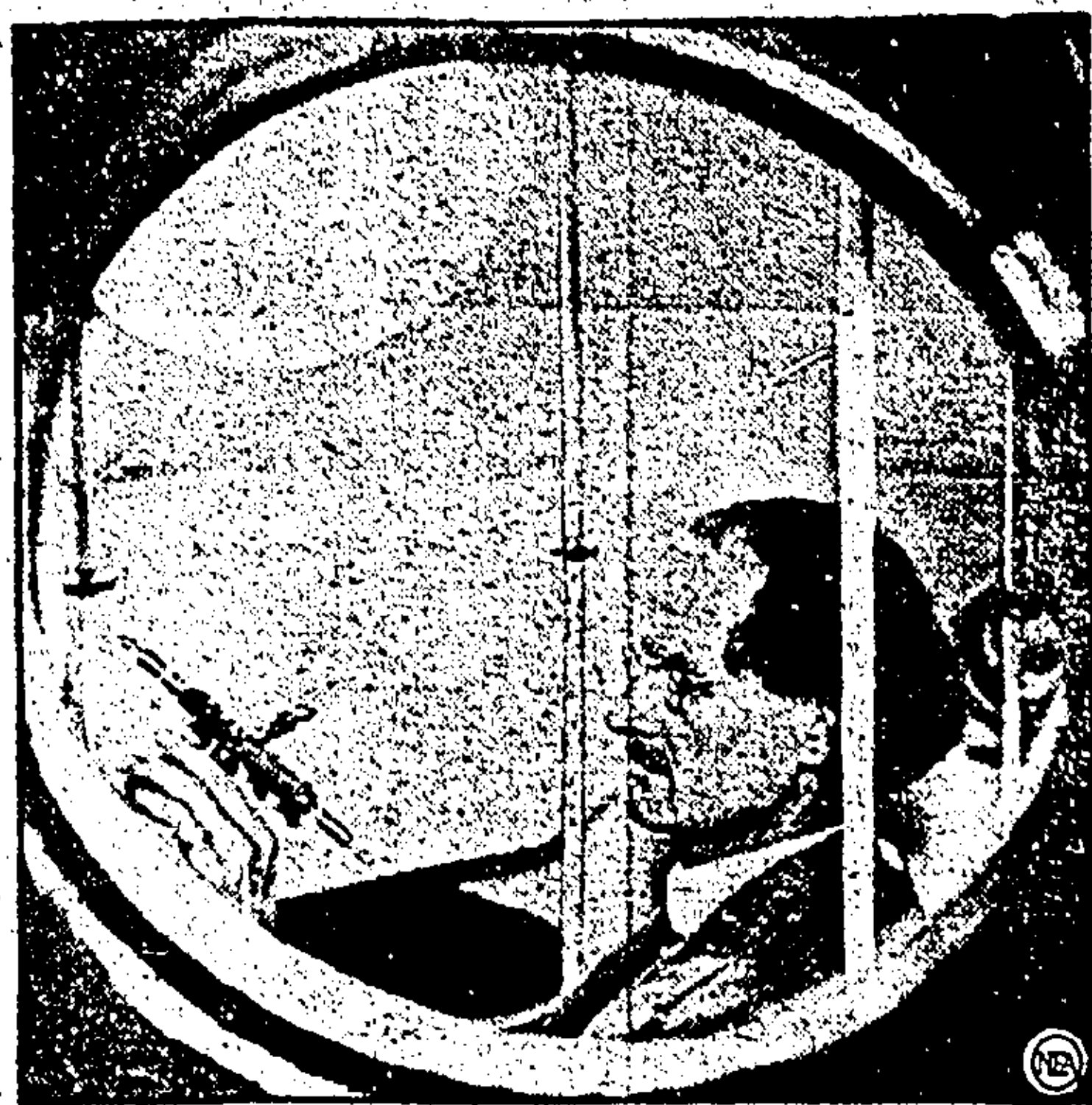
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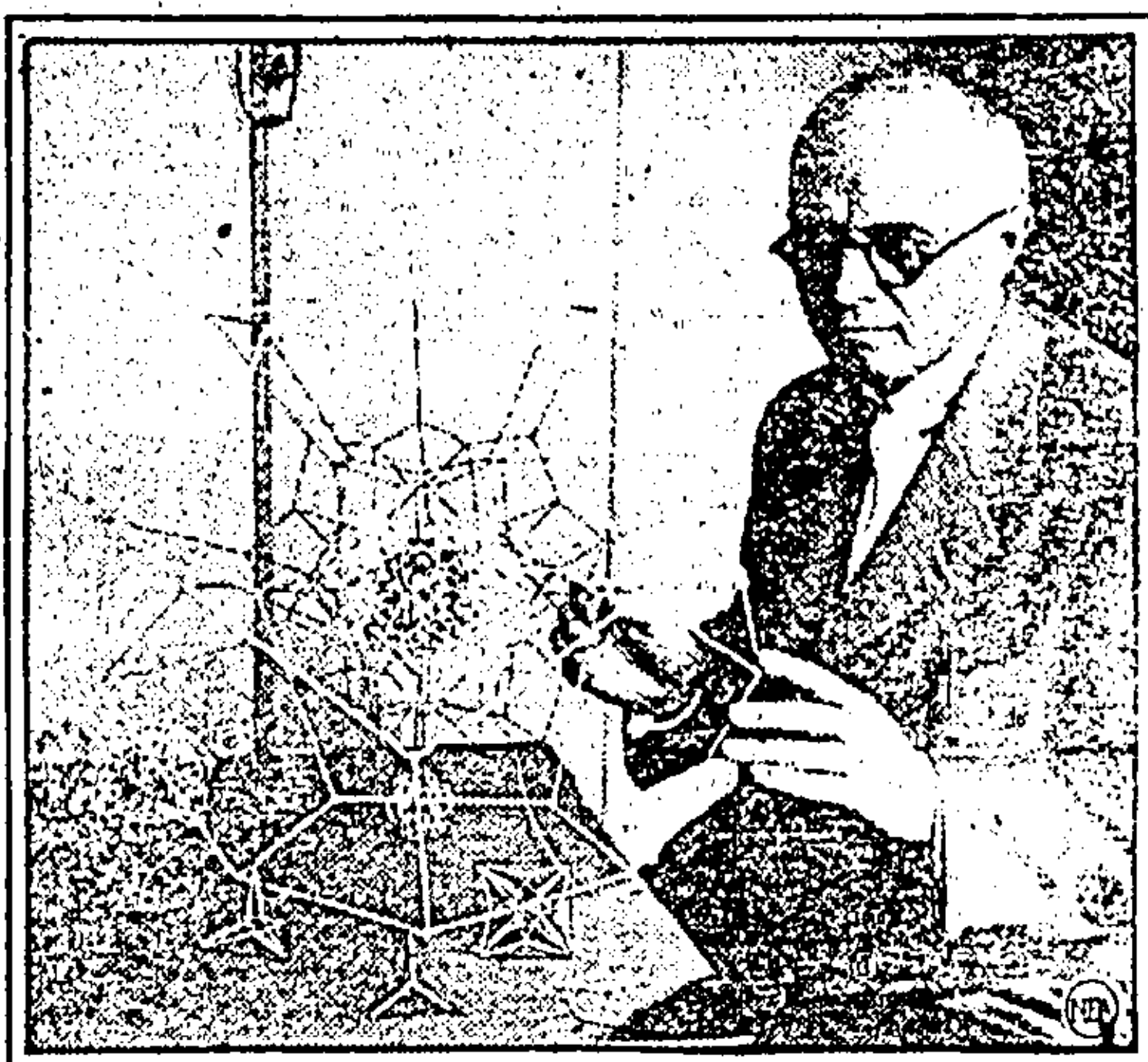
SALESMAN SAM.**Very Saving****By Small**



This is not a picture of flaming youth. It was taken at Sandhurst and shows budding generals at morning exercises in the regulation striped blazers and quaint skull caps.



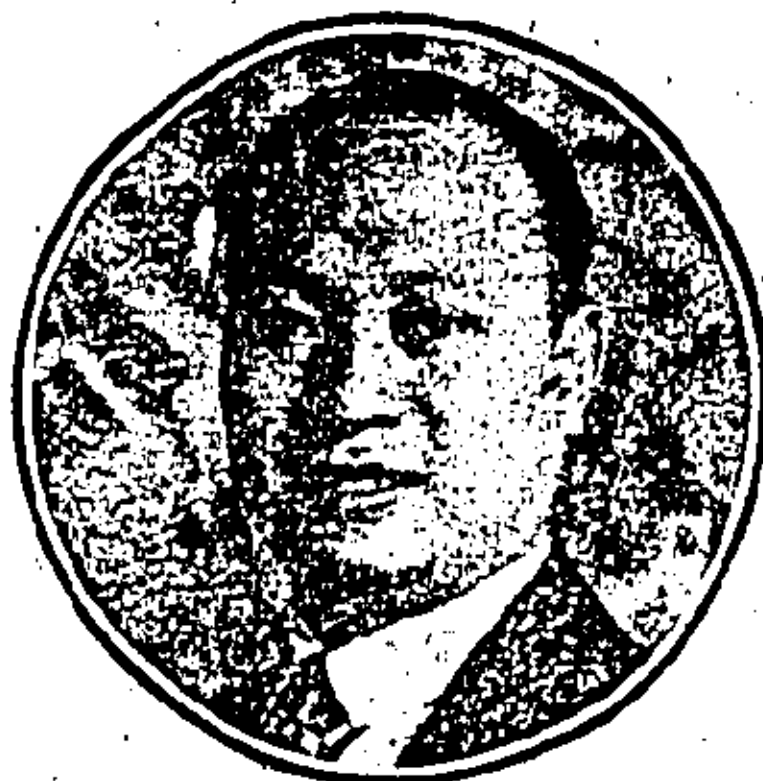
The hermetically sealed gondola in which Professor Picard hoped to soar to 52,500 feet. The balloon refused to rise.



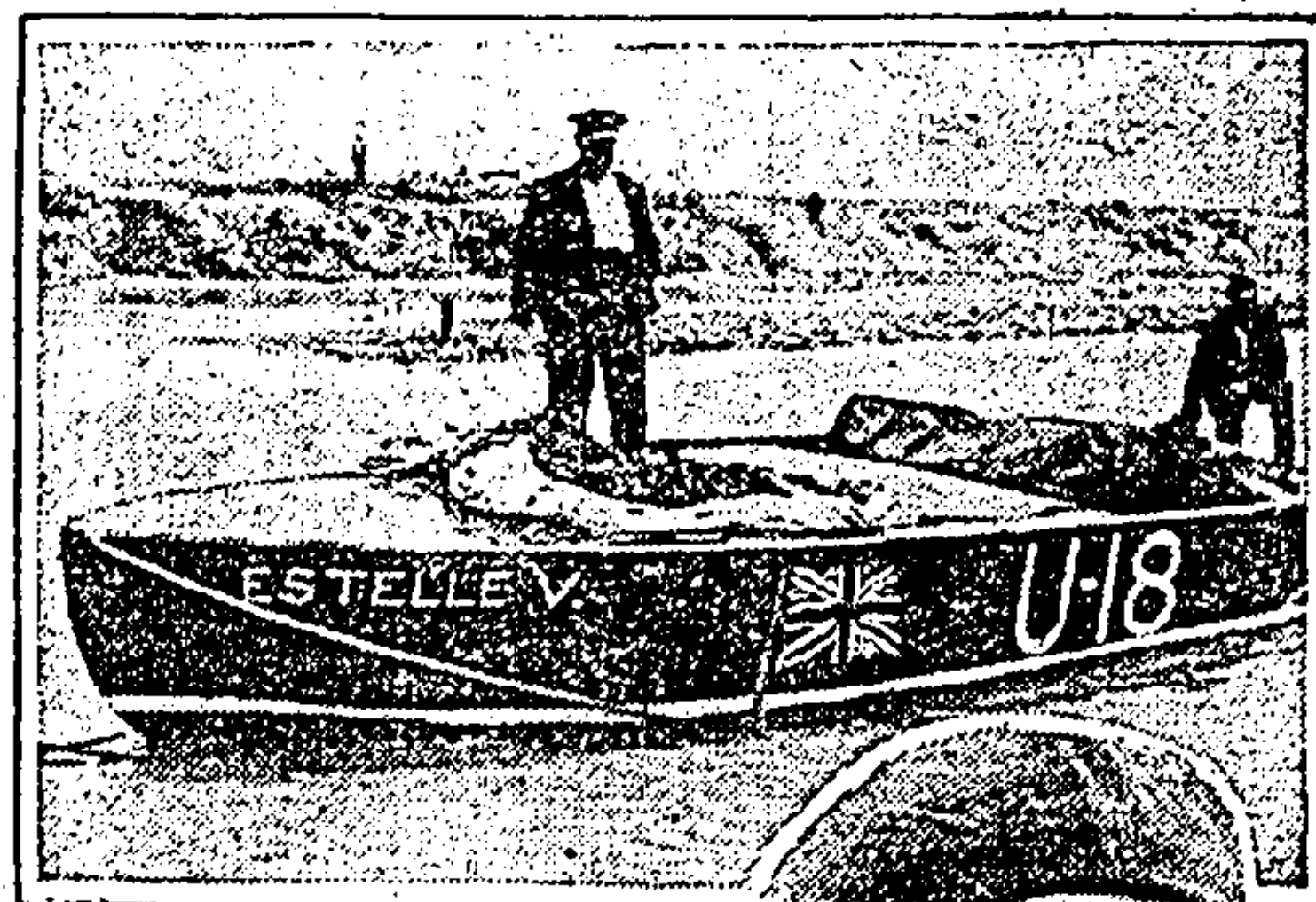
Having only three dimensions to work with Dr. Paul R. Heyl, above, is constructing models illustrating the principle of the fourth dimension. These, he believes, will make the theory clear. The figures pictured look pretty complicated—and they're not completed yet!



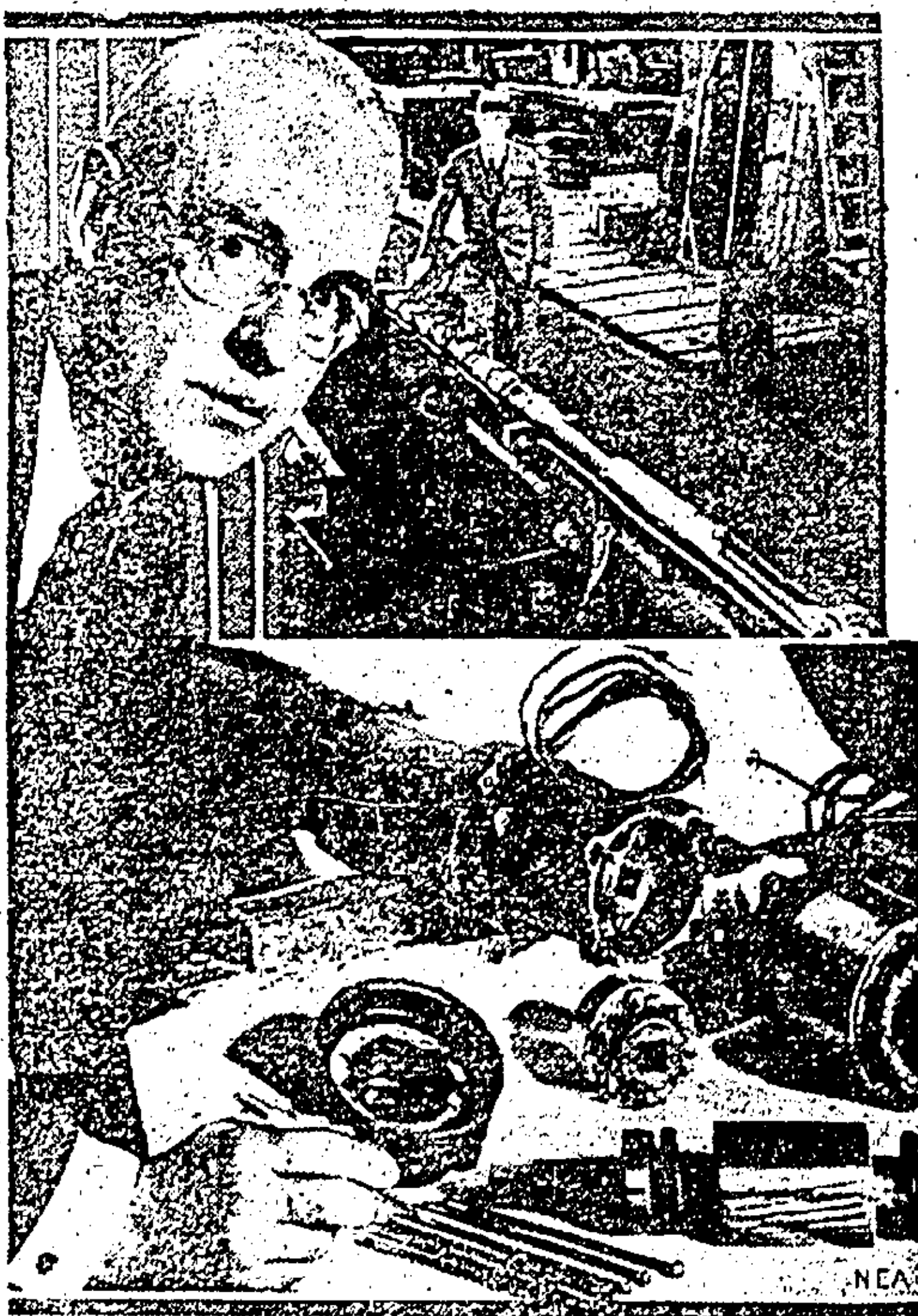
Distinguished guests at Kissingen are presented with a "goblet of honor"—a brimming bumper of wine. President von Hindenburg is seen, draining his goblet on his arrival at Kissingen to witness manoeuvres of German troops.



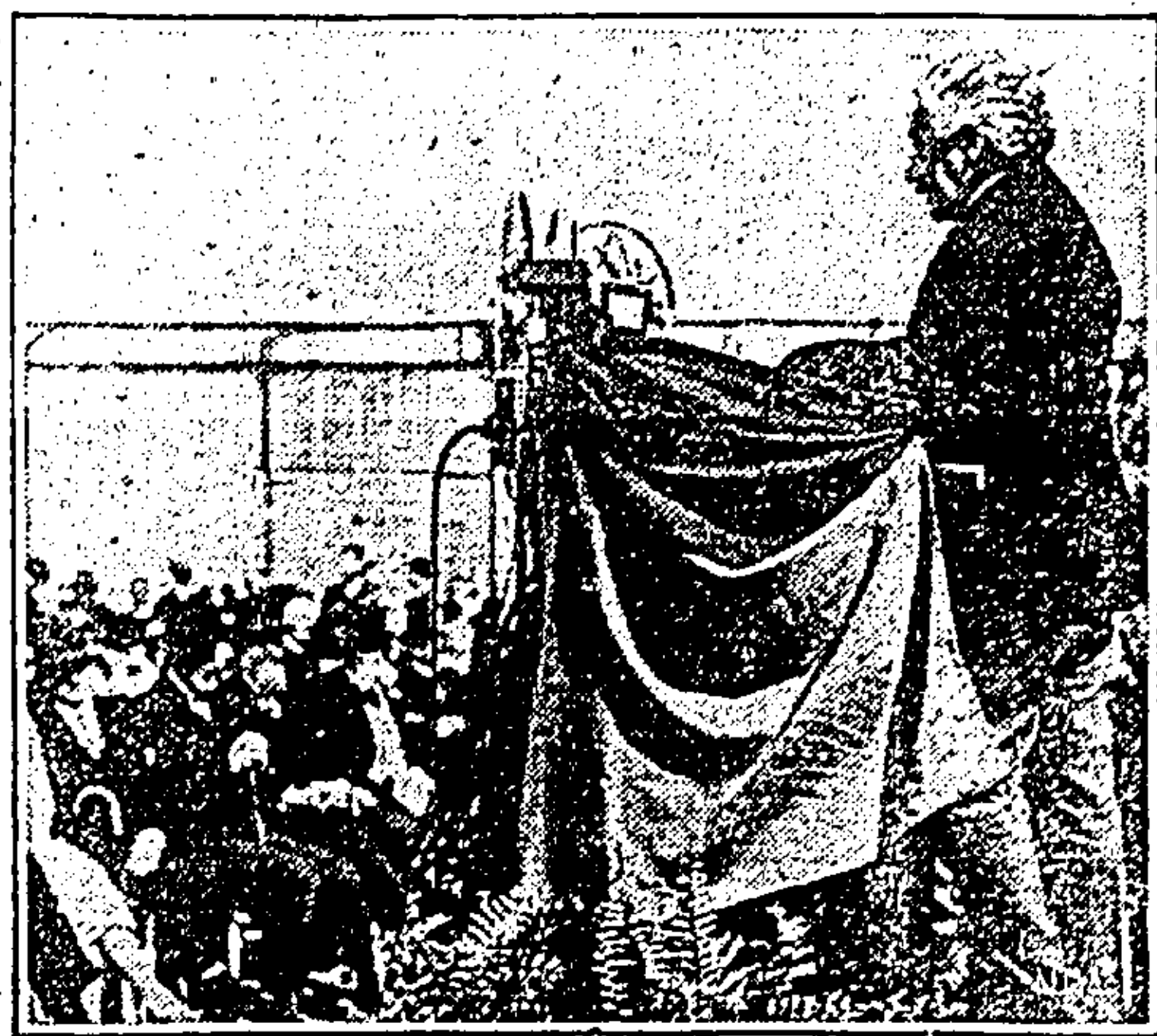
Mr. Jabin Hsu, Senior Secretary of Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour at Shanghai.



Miss Betty Carstairs, above, with her motor-boat Estelle V. hopes to achieve 100 miles an hour in a coming race with Gar Wood, the well-known American speedboat king.



Dr. Eckstromer has invented a new method of getting oil which it is claimed will do away with the suction-red type of pump and will penetrate to points hitherto inaccessible. The inventor and his working model are shown above.



Professor Einstein, the famous mathematician, is shown at the recent Berlin wireless show extolling the wonders of wireless in a broadcast address.



Miss Marcelle Alzieu became the bride of Mr. Renny Bazil at the French Church in Shanghai recently. Mr. Bazil is with the French Tramways and both he and his bride are very popular in the French community.



Emilio Aguinaldo, leader of the Philippine insurrection of 30 years ago, is shown above with his newly made bride.

Advice to the Weather Wise



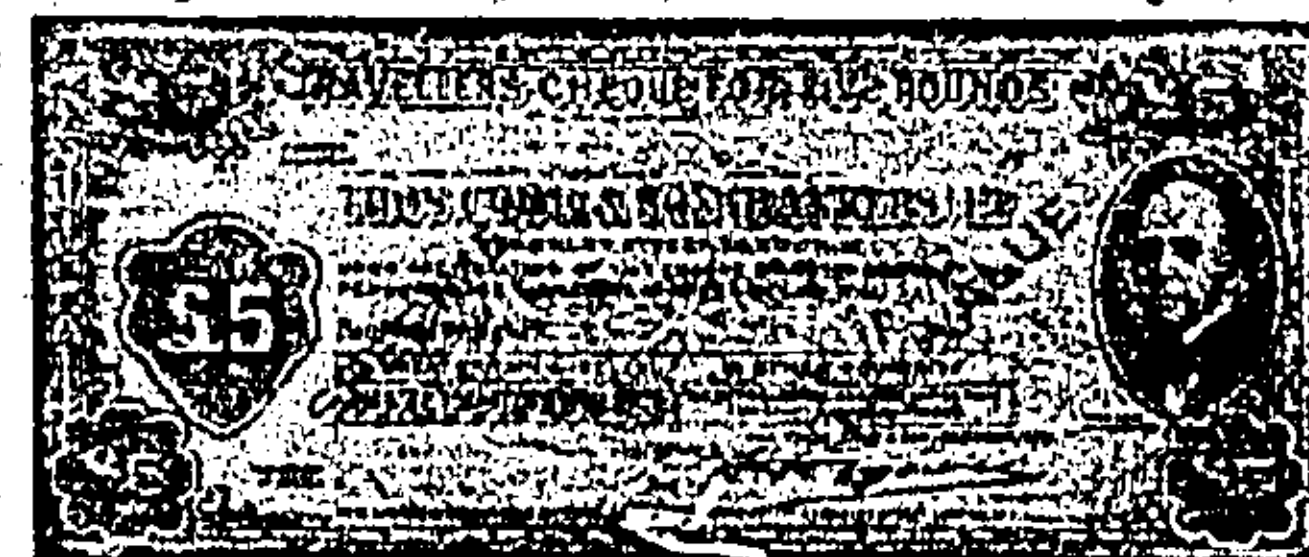
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CINEMA NOTES.

"DEVIL-MAY-CARE" COMING ON SUNDAY.

While "Devil-May-Care," Ramon Novarro's new M-G-M taking picture opening on Sunday at the Queen's, was made mainly for romantic purposes, it will carry down to posterity a picture of one of the great moments of history.

The great scene when the Council of Allies met and read the formal abdication of Napoleon Bonaparte, has been filmed with fidelity to the original by Director Sidney Franklin. Also the action is presented covering the banishment of Bonaparte to the island of Elba.

This banishment, and the subsequent imprisonment of Napoleon's lieutenants, provides the excuse for the plot of "Devil-May-Care," adapted by Richard Schayer, Hans Kray and Zaida Sears from the French play by Scribe and Legouve.

Novarro, a Bonapartist lieutenant, escapes from the guns of an execution squad and finds refuge in the chateau of a friend, the Countess. Attired in the disguising livery of a servant, Novarro plays out a novel story with the leading woman of the piece, the dainty Dorothy Jordan of dozens of musical comedies.

Napoleon's abdication, a lovely Alpertina Rasch ballet number in the "Gardens of Fontaineau," filmed in technicolor, and Bonaparte's return from Elba are interwoven throughout this love story. William Humphrey plays Napoleon, and other supporting roles are played by Marion Harris, John Miljan and George Davis.

To-day's Attraction at the Central.

"Glorifying the American Girl," Paramount's all-talking, singing and dancing musical extravaganza, produced under the personal supervision of Florenz Ziegfeld, will be presented at the Central Theatre to-day. Heading a cast of New York musical comedy favorites are Mary Eaton, recently seen on the audible screen with the Marx Brothers in "The Cocoanuts," Eddie Cantor, Helen Morgan, the star of the original "Show

FOUNDING A COLLEGE OF COMMERCE.

GIFT BY AN AMERICAN CAPITALIST.

New York, Nov. 12. Mr. Edward Hurley, the well-known capitalist, has contributed \$200,000 to found and erect a College of Foreign and Domestic Commerce at Notre Dame University, Indiana, for the purpose of furthering world trade.

The college will educate young men in courses designed to train specialists in the theory and practice of the international exchange of goods and services.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Boat," Dan Healy and the one and only Rudy Vallee.

Produced on a grand scale, with several scenes of a Ziegfeld first night photographed in natural colours, this latest Paramount picture possesses all those ingredients that make for gay, delightful entertainment. There are songs, dances, talented choruses and much beauty in the settings. And then there is also a romance which Mary Eaton, Olive Shea, a beautiful newcomer to the screen, and Edward Grandall, a recent recruit from the legitimate stage, take care of in charming fashion.

Mary Eaton sings "There Must Be Somebody Waiting For Me," a particularly tuneful number that promises to be one of the hits of the season. Helen Morgan sings "What Wouldn't I Do For That Man?" As the title infers it is a typical Helen Morgan number that suits her to the proverbial "T." And last, famous comedian, Eddie Cantor, makes merry in one of the most hilarious skits yet seen on the screen.

Millard Webb directed "Glorifying the American Girl" from an original story by J. P. McEvoy, the author of the well-known "Show Girl." The picture's music was composed by Walter Donaldson, Irving Berlin and Dave Stamper.

SOLDIERS BLAMED FOR ROW.

FINED FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT IN CAFE.

Commenting that he was not satisfied that the accused were telling the truth when they said they had been attacked, Mr. E. S. Williams, P.M., investigating the affair which occurred at the On Lok Yuen Cafe at Queen's Road Central on Saturday night, yesterday afternoon, convicted Pte. Finerman and Pte. Gallagher, both of the 2nd Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, of disorderly conduct.

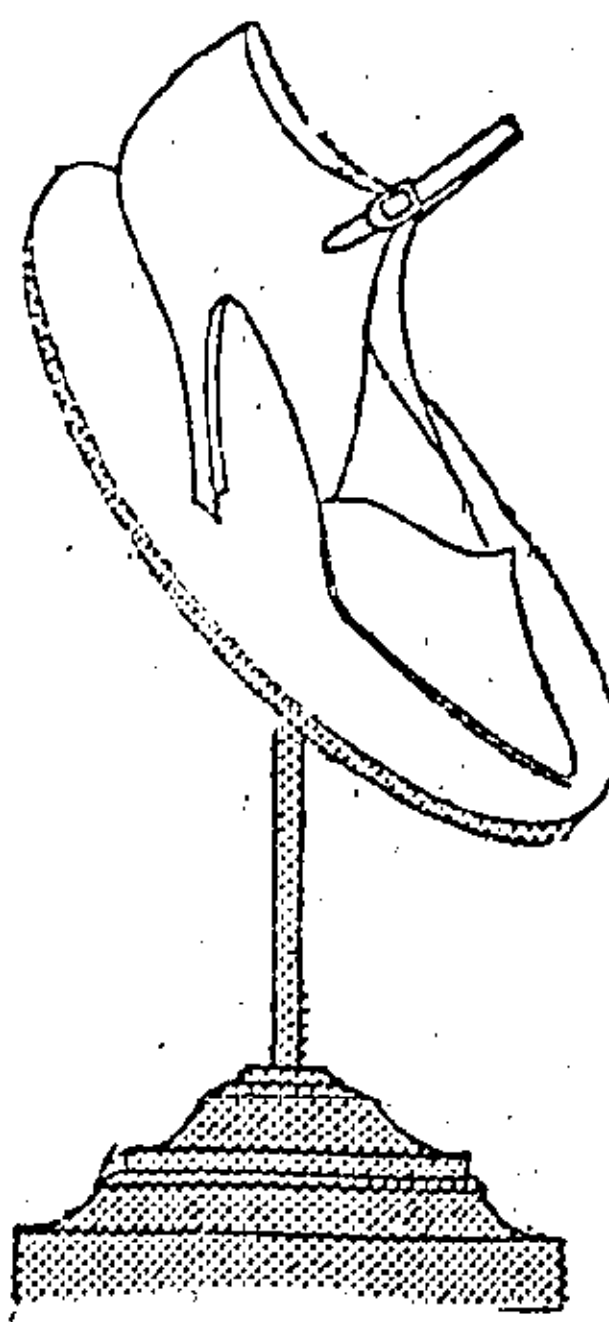
FILM STAR'S MOTHER.

DEATH OF MRS. SEM WONG IN LOS ANGELES.

Los Angeles, Nov. 12. Mrs. Sem Wong, mother of Anna May Wong, the famous Chinese film star, was struck by a motor car and killed.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Defendants, who had been remanded in military custody since the last hearing on Monday, were ordered to pay, each, a fine of \$25, in addition to a further \$10 as their respective shares for the damage done to property in the Cafe.

Shoes!



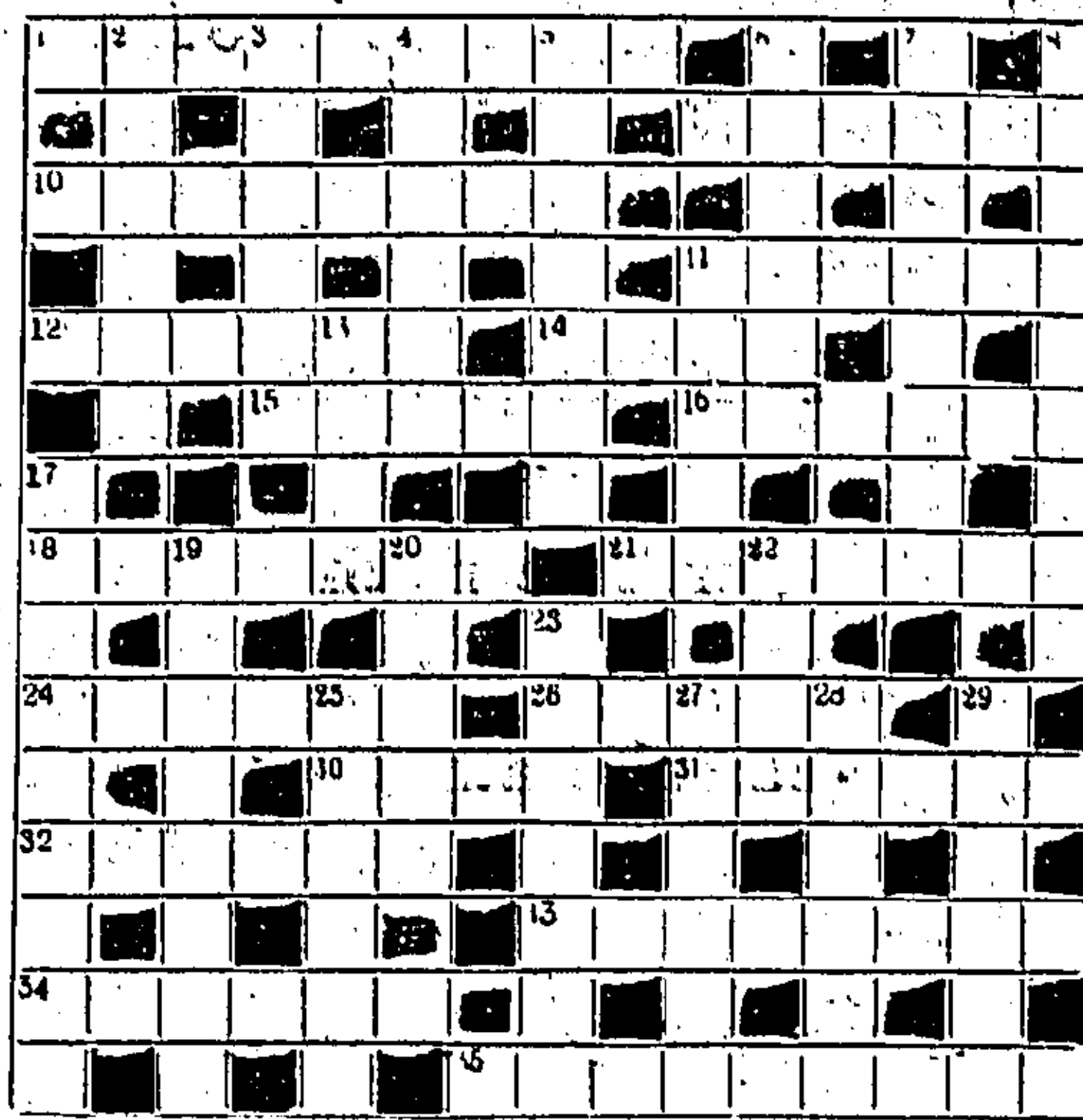
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11 A kind of stiffening found in charts.
12 Composed of lines.
14 This duck doesn't settle up.
15 Give this man his cue and he will do wonders.
16 Shirts and silk hats require to be thus treated.
18 A fur-bearing animal of North America.
21 A disease.
24 Anew.
25 These may be white, black, red or yellow.
30 It takes a man to be this, though a woman has been so called.
31 One must close one's eyes here.
32 A low fellow.
33 Loutish.
34 An entrance between identical ends shows ostentatiously.
35 "Deer bolts" (anag.).

Down

2 This tree yields gum arabic.
3 A perennial topic of the old-time music hall.
4 A flock of geese which, by the alteration of a letter, becomes prominent.
5 A little ring—belonging, perhaps, to the girl you give power to.
6 It seems to be a suitable beverage for this railway worker.

7 A passage that will fill you with rapturous delight.
8 "Held a cart" (anag.).
11 He may come after gold, silver or copper.
13 A London club.
17 Before this one should have an appetite, and after it—with the syllables transposed—the batsman may have to retire.
19 Campanological music.
20 This clue may be a good deal of a bother—it isn't really this one at all.
22 Is indebted.
23 The cowboy's mount.
25 This covering holds heat.
27 American cannons.
28 A shelf runs nearly the whole length of this vehicle.
29 A girl's name.

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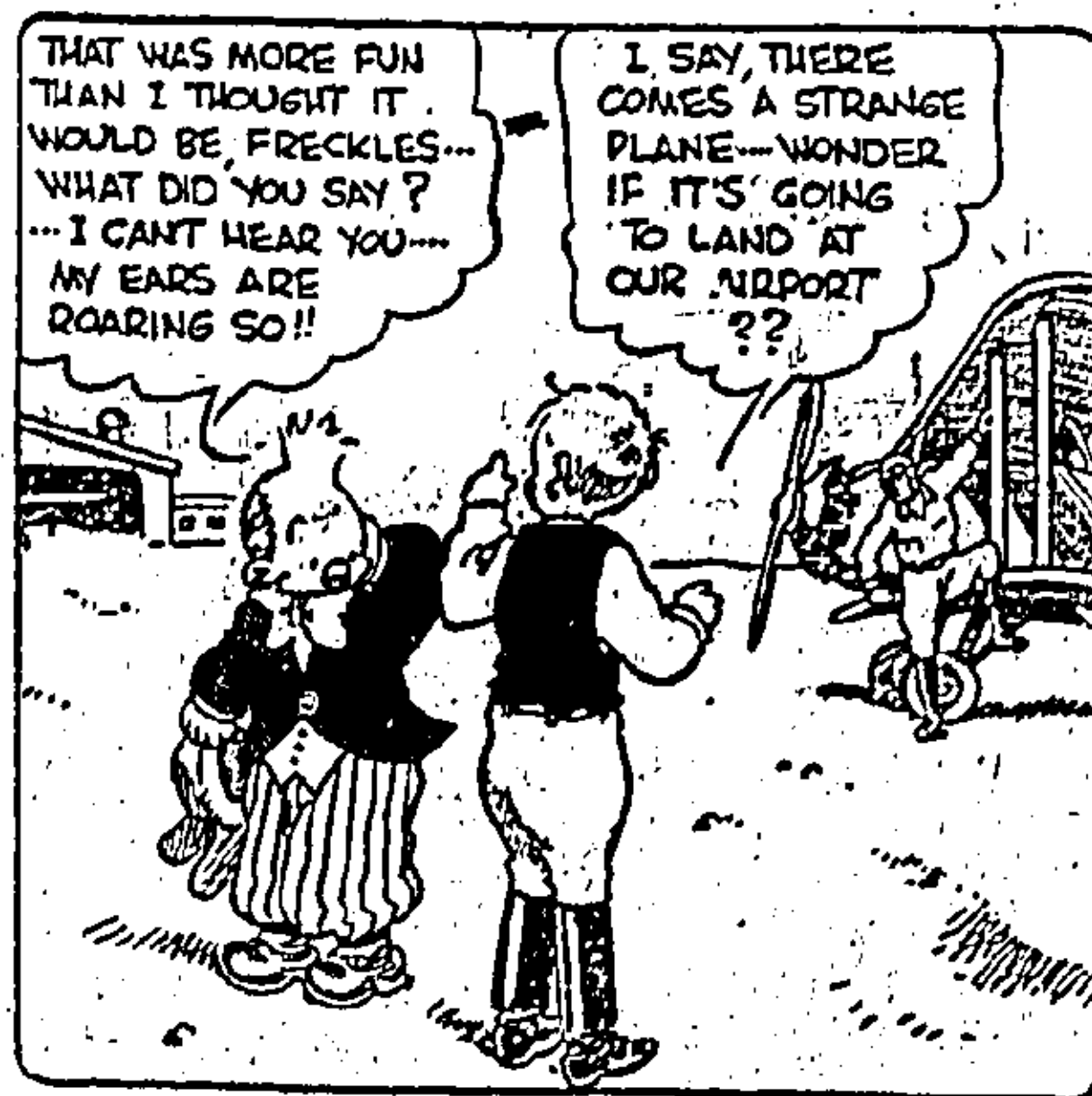
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THURSDAY, NOV. 13, 1930.

EMPIRE TRADE.

Whilst many issues of vital concern have been raised at the Imperial Conference, which concludes its meetings to-morrow, public interest has, perhaps quite naturally, been mostly centred on the discussions which have taken place with regard to means of developing inter-imperial trade. We should soon be made acquainted with the conclusions of the Conference on this question. Whatever they are, these are hardly likely to involve any change in the fiscal policy of the Mother Country, since from the start the Government has made it clear that it cannot consent to any scheme which will involve the taxation of the country's food supplies. The Empire Free Trade scheme, of which so much has been heard, involves food taxation, but, apart altogether from the British Government's attitude thereto, it has been made abundantly clear that the Dominions could not be induced to accept it. Mr. Bennett, the Canadian Premier, has declared that this policy is neither desirable nor possible; Mr. Havenga, the South African Finance Minister, has asserted that the Union is not prepared and cannot afford to subscribe to Empire Free Trade; whilst Mr. Scullin has indicated that his trust is placed in Imperial Preference.

Mr. Bennett's offer to the Mother Country was made a great deal of at the time: it was put forward, but closer analysis seems to have led many of its advocates to have their doubts on its real value. One of the Canadian papers, we notice, has described the offer as a fraud and "a horse-trading bargain," whilst another remarks that Mr. Bennett, having been so specific in instructing Great Britain in its duty to Canada, might have been less general in indicating what Canada would give in return. For a time, there appears to have been considerable doubt at Home as to the precise nature of Mr. Bennett's proposals, especially that part which spoke of a ten per cent. increase in prevailing general tariffs or upon tariffs yet to be created. At first sight, most people took this to imply that where, for instance, the Canadian

tariff on non-British goods was 30 per cent. ad valorem, it would be raised to 40 per cent., the lower British rate remaining unchanged. It has since been shown, however, that this view is wrong. The proposal meant that the General Tariff should be increased not by ten points, but by 10 per cent. of the previous rate. To take an example, the present duty on electric light fixtures of British origin is 20 per cent.; the general tariff is 30 per cent. By Mr. Bennett's proposal, the general tariff would be raised to 33 per cent., thus increasing the margin in favour of British goods from 10 to 13 points; not from 10 to 20. An additional margin of three points might, of course, be a decisive factor where price competition is extremely keen, but the official interpretation of the offer makes it a good deal less attractive than the first popular reading of it. That, of course, is altogether apart from the other considerations which could be quoted to show that the scheme, if adopted, would not be in the best interests of the Mother Country.

It seems likely, however, that from the Conference will emerge other and less controversial methods of improving inter-imperial trade than by tariff changes which might engender endless jealousy and friction between various parts of the Empire and provoke growing hostility in the outside world, from which so much of our trade is derived. The nature of these measures will be divulged without delay, and we may hope and believe that, based on common agreement, they will fulfil the purposes for which they are intended.

That Silver Loan.

One of these days, suddenly, it will dawn on the minds of the American sponsors of an international loan of several million ounces of silver to China that the opinion of responsible Chinese leaders, and possibly of the countries whose names have been linked with the project, might provide some very important considerations. We commented upon the peculiar nature of the proposals when Judge Paul Lineberger had his say, and further explanations by Senator Key Pittman have merely added to our bewilderment. After the experience of the Judge, and the very clear statement on the point of foreign loans by Mr. T. V. Soong, the Nanking Minister of Finance, it was assumed that the matter would be quietly dropped—the least said about it the better sort of thing. But nothing of the kind is contemplated, according to latest advices from Washington, which record Senator Pittman as saying that the Senate Committee on International Relations, which has been studying Far Eastern trade conditions, still looks with favour upon an international pool to make a huge silver loan to China. And apparently it will take a great deal to deter them. The agreement, says Senator Pittman, would probably have to contain provisions that would bring the four dominant war lords into the National Government to participate in the administration of the international fund. It would have appeared more reasonable to talk of preventing their participation in the administration of the fund, but be that as it may, if it is so easy a method of bringing peace to China, it is extraordinary that no-one thought of it before. Mr. Pittman is of opinion that an increase in the value of silver would result from a huge addition to China's glut of the metal, because it would result in the immediate pacification of China. The reluctance to drop the plan is perhaps to be understood if this is a considered view.

The Royal Army Service Corps are holding their third Dance of the Season on Friday, 21st inst., at Wellington Barracks Hall, commencing at 8.30 p.m. The music will be supplied by the jazz band of H.M.S. Berwick, which earned great popularity recently for its performances on ships in the Atlantic Fleet, prior to its members' commissioning in H.M.S. Berwick.

DAY BY DAY

MY PRECEPT TO ALL WHO BUILD IS, THAT THE OWNER SHOULD BE AN ORNAMENT TO THE HOUSE, AND NOT THE HOUSE TO THE OWNER.—Cicero.

It is notified that a small quantity of fireworks and small arms ammunition will be fired for proof purposes at Stonecutters Rifle Range on the morning of November 17.

The Hongkong Civil Service List for 1930 is to hand from the printers, Messrs. Noronha & Co. This is the twenty-sixth issue and a fat volume. Exactly half of it is devoted to records of the public service of officers.

We have received from the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, of the Diocesan Schools and Orphanages, a long list of donations which he has received and wishes to acknowledge. The total amount received was \$3,135.60.

A fine of \$950, or five months' imprisonment, was imposed on a Chinese by Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant was charged by Revenue Officer Talton with possession of 32 tales of raw opium at the Kowloon-Canton railway station.

At the Kowloon Magistracy, before Mr. Butters, this morning, a Chinese woman was charged with having kept an unregistered mutai and with having ill-treated her. Mr. F. C. Rendall appeared for the defendant and pleaded not guilty. The case was fixed for November 18. The defendant was granted bail in \$250 cash and \$250 security.

TOBACCO SMUGGLING NUISANCE.

WOMEN SAID TO BE WORST OFFENDERS.

Considerable trouble is being caused to the Revenue Department by constant attempts to smuggle illicit goods into the Colony from Nam Tau, and, as a result, extra revenue officers have had to be put on duty at the wharves to search passengers arriving by launches. It is the women, particularly who are becoming a nuisance to the authorities by trying to smuggle dutiable tobacco which they usually conceal very cleverly. When one female passenger, who was arrested yesterday, appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning, his Worship imposed a fine of \$50. A similar fine was passed on a man who was found with a quantity of dutiable tobacco concealed in his bedding, which he was carrying off one of the wharves on the seafloor.

DOROTHY BLACK on the QUEER MEN WOMEN LIKE.

THERE was a lot to be said for Bluebeard. He had the hall-mark of feminine approval. Captain Murderer, the immortal figure of Dickens's "Nursemaid's Tale," was another of these fascinating gentlemen who never had a dull moment. Even his name was no deterrent to his many admirers, and when he had made the pie and added the garnish, and eaten it all up and picked the bones, there was always another lady ready and willing, in spite of everything, to be his.

They have had many disciples in real life. Women like that kind of man, as they do, and always will, like the most remarkable type of men. It's a strange way we have, and a handicap that will always be ours in public life.

I once saw a crowd of women busy with a reprieved murderer, and it was a disgusting sight. He was as poor and mean and flabby as a little man as you would meet in a day's march anywhere. He had not even that hall-mark of the really good-class murderer—magnetic eyes. If he had been bringing up the coal for any of them they would have been offhand and probably lightly rude to him. As it was, they pelted him with flowers.

Can we wonder that modern manhood and its achievement are nothing to wave flags about at the moment, when we have on every hand these manifestations of what women really like?

Once it was courage and strength that were extolled. Only the brave and the strong deserved the fair. We do not care much about those things any more. We worship agility and speed. Agility and speed of toe, or at cutting throats, or at eluding the hangman's noose or another man's boxing glove.

It doesn't matter much what, apparently. We are tickled to death by men who hit soft balls very hard here and there, and jump smiling over tennis nets to grip their vanquished opponent by the hand. We are all taken up with those handsome men in clean white flannel who hit another kind of ball often and hard, and run very fast up and down a carefully prepared piece of grass. Or the men who hurtle round an asphalt track in a motor-car much faster than any other men.

You can gather a crowd any day with a film star far larger than you can for a victory. But a good murderer has an even wider appeal, especially if he has magnetic eyes. Murder is becoming quite a popular handcraft to-day, and the man who is caught out disposing of his sixth wife will never lack a seventh should he manage to wriggle out of the predicament. When all London went mad over a not very cultured, not particularly good-looking, not

amazingly clever, but well-advertised young American actor who came over here on a visit, another train drew up the same day at another station and a famous soldier who had rendered magnificent service to his country got out of it unnoticed by any but a few personal friends.

He had achieved work that had taken a lifetime of danger, self-denial, and hard work. But women threw no posies at him. We don't particularly like that sort of man to-day.

This is an age of pretence. We have forgotten the good advice in the advertisement and been satisfied with inferior imitations of the genuine article, man. We don't mind whether he is brave, or honest, or good, or clever, as long as he can dance and kiss prettily on the pictures, or ride about pretending to kill Indians, wearing a wide hat.

We don't want reality any more. We are satisfied with something that looks like what it isn't, and for the time being we have got it in our home life and our architecture, our foodstuffs and our men. The whole world has fallen in love with the Court Jesters and the Tumbler, and the only music that appeals is that of cap and bells.

Presently we shall change our minds, but in the meantime we have no right to object or complain about the young men of to-day, seeing what we universally admire. We are prone to forget, as we ought not to forget, now that most of us are such good business women that supply inevitably follows demand, with a tendency to lower quality for small bidders.

There was something to be said for Bluebeard. He knew his market.

S.L.I. FAREWELL FUNCTIONS.

DANCE ON SATURDAY: BAND CONCERT SUNDAY.

The Somerset Light Infantry are leaving the Colony on November 26 according to present arrangements, and several farewell functions are being arranged.

An invitation is extended to a farewell dance to be given by "B" Company on Saturday at the Garrison Lecture Hall at Wellington Barracks, the music to be provided by the Dance Orchestra of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

On Sunday, the band of the battalion will give a grand farewell concert (weather permitting) at Wellington Barracks, commencing at 8.0 p.m. A special programme is being arranged and refreshments will be obtainable.



CHINESE SOCCER
SUSPENSIONS.QUESTION AGAIN BEFORE
H.K.F.A. COUNCIL.

NO NEW ACTION.

The case concerning the two Chinese players, who were suspended for infringement of their amateur status, was again discussed by a meeting of the Football Council yesterday evening, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Ormiston.

Mr. R. Duncan queried why the Chinese Athletic Association did not field teams for the League fixtures during the last two Saturdays, and Mr. G. T. May, replying, said that letters had been received from the Club in question giving certain reasons and the Committee could not question the bona fides of these.

The meeting eventually passed a resolution authorizing that a fuller explanation be demanded by the Council for those reasons which the Chinese Athletic said had prevented them from fielding teams, in fairness to the other clubs.

The Chairman gave a review of the proceedings at the hearing by the Appeals Board on Wednesday, October 29, of the appeal against the suspensions of two Athletic players, as follows:

At the invitation of the Chairman, the case was opened by Mr. Wong Kwong-tin whose statement read in part:

"While admitting an offence under Rule 12 of the Association Rules, the appellants deny most emphatically that they have ever violated Rule 29 of the Rules of the English Association in letter or spirit.

The grounds of appeal are, firstly, that no fair trial has been given, and secondly, that a wrong construction has been placed on the acts of which complaint has been made.

"Wrong Construction."

The second ground for appeal is that a wrong construction has been placed on the acts of which complaint has been made. *Mala fide* has been attached where the benefit of the doubt could very well have been given.

The appellants admit that on joining the team they were given \$2 a day as travelling expenses and having \$150 to buy football gear, a blazer and a dress suit. It has been suggested by Mr. Duncan that the \$150 was the nature of a grant. It is my contention that these sums of money were never given in the nature of grants nor was their receipt considered in such a nature. I wish to make it clear that \$2 a day was provided for the payment of any travelling expenses which might be incurred while on shore and for no other purpose. Every cent of that money had to be accounted for and a signed statement of how the money was spent had to be given. I had a copy of this statement for your perusal.

The \$150 in question were provided for the express purpose of purchasing football gear, a blazer and a dress suit. Considering the low purchasing value of the dollar at the present moment this sum cannot be considered excessive and is hopelessly meagre when compared with the sum of £500 which an Australian cricketer receives for a tour of England.

This sum of \$150 was earmarked for a specific purpose and again, as in the case of the two dollars travelling expenses, every cent had to be accounted for. If there was anything left after the purchase of the several objects, which are the property of the Club and are to be returned when demanded, the balance was to be returned to the Club. They only act as an agent of the Club for the purpose of these articles.

Question of Status.

I submit, gentlemen, that there is nothing in these acts on the part of the appellants to point to, as "professionalism." Only to a very suspicious mind could any such allegation seem possible. It seems to me that the Emergency Committee must have been extremely prejudiced against the appellants to have taken the interpretation they have regarding these acts. The grounds I have placed before you, I submit, are good and sufficient reasons for allowing the appeal and for reconsidering the question of punishment.

The appellants have now been suspended for three weeks, and I am asking you to consider that sufficient punishment has already been administered and that such suspension shall be removed.

Mr. Duncan read his statement reciting the full facts of the tour and its abandonment, made at the Appeal Board meeting.

Rules Can Be Altered.

Mr. Ormiston, addressing the Appeals Board, said, in part:—

"I believe I am correct in stating that it is not the Council's desire that they should be suspended indefinitely, but the only manner in which they may be reinstated, assuming that they uphold the decision of the Council, is to alter our Rules to enable us to reinstate the appellants. Under Clause 10 of the Rules governing the Hong-kong Football Association, alterations can only be made at the annual general meeting. The appellants therefore could not participate in amateur football during the present season. I believe Mr. Duncan has an alternative proposal to make in this connection which might expedite matters with regard to term of suspension.

Since the meeting of the Council on the 15th instant I have given the subject serious consideration and unless the appellants can place further evidence in their favour before you I am constrained to the opinion that under our existing Rules the Council could not have reached any other decision."

Yesterday's Decision.

Addressing yesterday's Council meeting, Mr. Ormiston referred to the letter written by Mr. M. K. Lo to the President of the Association (Mr. R. M. Dyer).

Following that, he said, a meeting was held in Mr. Dyer's office as a re-

CORRESPONDENCE.

Soccer Suspensions.

[To The Editor of Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—Having read to-day's issue of the *South China Morning Post* in which appears an article on the suspension of the two Chinese Athletic players, and, in particular, noting Mr. Duncan's report on my presence at the meeting of the Emergency Committee held on October 8th, I am forced to write and acquaint your readers with the fact that my presence there was most reluctantly allowed, it being put to me by Mr. Duncan at the time that the case was purely one between the players concerned and the Football Association and had nothing whatsoever to do with the Chinese Athletic Association. As the matter was of great importance to the C. A. A., the players under trial being prominent members of this Club, I asked permission to stay and represent them, which request was acceded to. Obeying the Chairman's order I kept quiet throughout the proceedings, but finding that the oral statements made by the two players gave nothing for the Association to convict, I asked permission from the meeting to allow them to play for the Club the following Saturday, as we were short of players.

Mr. Duncan replied that they could not do so at the moment as they had to consider the case but would let me know the next day, when I was surprised to receive a letter from the Hon. Secretary informing me that the players concerned had been suspended for life, it being alleged that they had violated Rules 12 of the H.K.F.A. and 29 of the E.F.A.

I was not satisfied with the decision and made an appeal to the Council, but the decision was sustained for reasons unknown to me. I then asked for the statements written out by Mr. Duncan and purporting to contain the exact remarks made by the two players and found that they did not bear a true interpretation of what these players had actually stated.

If these statements written by Mr. Duncan had only been read out to the players whilst the case was being tried on October 8th, and their signatures secured to them as being entirely correct, the decision to suspend would have been justified and would have no grounds whatsoever for complaint, but the fact is that the Emergency Committee have charged these players on the strength of statements alleged to have been made by the latter but which actually were written down by the Emergency Committee more or less as they pleased. I have no hesitation whatever in stating that had these statements been read out to the players and correctly interpreted to them, that they would have refused to sign them.

I also wish to say that the Council Meeting held subsequently to the Emergency Committee meeting, that neither the players nor a representative of the C. A. A. were present and I believe the decision to suspend was sustained merely on the strength of Mr. Duncan's remarks, there being no chance for the defence to conduct their case.

Inasmuch as the decision arrived at by the Football Association here was based on the statements written out by Mr. Duncan and which the players under trial would undoubtedly have refused to admit as being correct if the contents had wholly been made known to them, I submit that the attitude adopted by the governing body all along has been an arbitrary one.—Yours, etc.

J. LEE.

Hon. Football Manager
Chinese Athletic Association.

sult of which it was decided to cable the English Football Association in the matter, the cable reading as follows:

"Reference Chinese Soccer touring team this Association has decided after due trial that players having accepted sum of money have unwittingly forfeited amateur status. This means they cannot again play in Hongkong as all competitions here are amateur. Will you allow us to make new rule to reinstate them as amateurs after adequate terms of suspension? As our decision has caused considerable trouble amongst Chinese Clubs please cable reply as soon as possible."

The Chairman said that no reply has been received to this cable, and the matter must consequently be left at that for the time being.

Continuing, the Chairman said that it was clearly understood by all present that the meeting in Mr. Dyer's office was quite informal and he understood Mr. Lo's letter was regarded as a private communication to Mr. Dyer. He may, however, be wrong in this respect. He was surprised that it has since been published in the press, by whose permission he did not know. He felt that it should have been withheld from publication until they were in a position to reply to it; this could not be done until they received a reply to the cable and Mr. Kotewall's return to the Colony. In the circumstances he thought the Council would agree that they had done their utmost in the interests of the appellants. The position created was most unfortunate and regrettable.

Mr. J. W. Baldwin moved a vote of confidence in the Emergency Committee. This was seconded by Capt. Deacon and carried.

THE EXILE OF
EROS.ITS RETURN AN EVENT
IN HISTORY.

RIDDLE FOR FUTURE.

Some day, about the time when newspapers begin to record the deaths of the last long-lived veterans of the Great War, an unfamiliar statue will arise in Piccadilly. "What's this?" will ask the public. "Who put that there?" will demand the Press. "Mystery Statue Comes to London."

Experts, having examined the bronze cast, will certify the work to be Nineteenth or possibly Twentieth Century, and Burlington House will suggest that the sculptor—believed not to be Epstein—undoubtedly drew on the mythology of the Greeks. Then, within a day or two, a letter signed "Nonagenarian" will be printed affirming that the correspondent vaguely recalls seeing as a boy a similar statue in the Circus, known (if memory is faithful) as Eros.

After that, events will move fast, and it will be established that Westminster City Council, together with the L.C.C. and certain other cherished old institutions of the capital, thinking to give London a huge surprise, are jealously at the bottom of the whole affair.

Lighting Legislators.

Everyone knows the fable of the boy who cried "Wolf," nobody took any notice of him in the end. So it is about Eros: every newspaper, on good official authority, has announced at least fifteen times in the last five years that Gilbert's handiwork is about to return. It would be tiresome to say so again, even were the "damnable iteration" true. But perhaps people still care to know how our great Deliberative Bodies, London's Lighting Legislators, are getting on.

Westminster City Council, the London County Council, the Ministry of Transport, the London Traffic Advisory Committee, the Metropolitan Police, the Commissioners of Crown Lands and the Underground Company all have a finger in the pie. The last three may be exonerated, having done their part, but the first four are still playing the trusty and archaic game of "passed to you, please."

On August 11, the Ministry of Transport stated that the final layout of Piccadilly Circus has been approved, and that there was no further obstacle to the return of the Shaftesbury Memorial. Workmen were indisputably seen in the Circus on the morning of the 15th. They had their breakfast there, drilled up portions of the road, and then vanished without trace.

Then the Ministry of Transport admitted that there was a mistake. The Traffic Advisory Council had not been definitively satisfied with the layout. So some more experiments were conducted, and in this way, after a period of microscopic watching, they discovered they were—no—yes—they actually were, after all, really and truly quite satisfied. Eros—Eureka.

But nothing more seemed to happen. Seeking the cause of the inactivity, the London County Council, Scotland Yard, and any others appealed to courteously referred me to Westminster City Council; and they are, it is now clear, the prime, authentic Rip Van Winkles of the piece.

At first the Council refused information, then grew willing to vouchsafe a little, but with the instruction that they were not to be quoted as having said anything. Yet one sentence must be quoted for its utter sincerity and shining truth. "A point the Council has always attached great importance to," impressively declared this Deliberative Body, "is that they should not proceed too hastily."

A "Rehearsal."

"It may still be some time before Eros is back?" I inquired. "Oh, yes," said the Council with simplicity.

Though the Transport Ministry states that the disposition of Piccadilly Circus is settled and approved, Westminster Council declares it is not. I warned the Department that the Council disagreed with them. "Well," said the Department, "even though the site of the island in the Circus has been determined, it has yet to be seen where the statue will go on the island."

Westminster Council is going to resolve this point by putting up a lath and canvas profile of the god. He will be tried, no doubt, in thirty-four different positions, and the six other interested parties invited to inspect each one of them at their leisure. Following that, the real figure will be fetched home.—If anyone remembers where it is, so I refuse to assert once more that Eros will shortly be back. Christmas, however, not being a matter within the jurisdiction of Westminster City Council, is definitely coming.—A Correspondent in the Morning Post.

SANITARY BOARD.

QUESTIONS REGARDING
DISINFECTATION.

Questions relative to disinfecting stations in Victoria and in Kowloon were asked by Dr. W. V. M. Koch at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board held yesterday afternoon. Mr. G. R. Sayer presiding. Others present were Dr. W. M. Pope, Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, and Messrs. M. K. Lo, Wong Kwong-tin, F. C. Hall, T. N. Chau and J. H. Gelling (Secretary).

The questions asked by Dr. Koch and the answers given by the Chairman were as follows:

Q. Will the Head of the Sanitary Department kindly give information on the following matters regarding the Disinfecting Stations in Victoria and in Kowloon:

What is the method of disinfection employed?

A. By steam in a Washington Lyons disinfecter.

Q. (a) How are articles, especially bedding, clothing, etc., from infectious cases, taken to and returned from the station?

(b) Is there a special gang of coolies employed?

(c) Are special vans employed for such conveyance?

A. Special motor vans are employed wherever practicable; and the infected articles are handled only by the regular cleaning staff of the Department in accordance with para. 5 of the relevant by-laws.

Q. Is every care taken to ensure that no damage is done to the articles sent for disinfection?

A. Such articles as the Medical Officer of Health considers can be effectively disinfected without danger to the public health are disinfected with all due care.

Q. Is it known as a fact that articles of clothing, bedding, mattresses, etc., have been found to be destroyed or damaged when returned after disinfection, and is it likely this has been done during the process of disinfection?

A. The Medical Officer of Health is not aware of any instance.

Q. Have any complaints been made, or any claims for compensation been sent in for destroyed or damaged property?

A. The Medical Officer of Health does not recall having received any complaint or any claim for compensation.

Q. Is the process of disinfection carried out carefully and under experienced supervision?

A. Yes.

It was also mentioned by the Chairman that an application for an eating-house licence in a tea-shed on the roadside at the junction of Sai Kung Road and Wang Street, Kowloon City, had been refused, and that an application for the registration of No. 14 Essex Crescent, ground floor, Kowloon Tong, as a dairy, had been granted.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	123.635	123.665
Geneva	25.035	25.035
Berlin	20.385	20.385
Oslo	18.16	18.16
Helsingfors	193	193.4
Athens	375	375
Buenos Aires	38.11/16	—
Shanghai	1/7	1/7
New York	4.85/23/32	4.85/4
Amsterdam	12.065	12.065
Stockholm	18.115	18.115
Vienna	34.485	34.474
Madrid	42.20	41.95
Bucharest	818	818
Montevideo	39/4	39/4
Hongkong	1/3.7/16	1/3/4
Brussels	34.825	34.825
Milan	92.795	92.785
Copenhagen	18.16	18.16
Prague	163/4	163/4
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Rio	4.15/16	4.15/16
Bombay	1/5.25/32	1/5.25/32
Yokohama	2/0.17/32	2/0.17/32
Silver (spot)	16/13	16/13
.. (forward) 16/4	16.7/16	16.7/16

—British Wireless.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"THE FLORADORA GIRL"
WORTH SEEING.

We can recommend a visit to the Queen's Theatre, where "The Floradora Girl" is at present the main attraction. The theme is not a new one, but it is admirably handled. It has to do with a wealthy young man, already betrothed to a girl of his own social status, falling in love with a chorus girl. There are, of course, the usual complications, but everything comes out all right in the end.

Much of the attractiveness of the film lies in the revival of memories of the nineties, when "Floradora" was the rage amongst musical comedies. The period is truthfully interpreted, and there are some extremely funny scenes, especially those at a bathing beach, the quaint costumes worn being a reminder of how styles have advanced since those days. Then, of course, there are some excellent stage scenes, whilst it is good to hear many of the old musical favorites amongst the songs and choruses. Humour and romance are cleverly woven in-

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THE THAMES.

SHAH'S LOAN.

London, Oct. 13.

The crew of a ship which brought treasures worth over a million pounds from the Shah of Persia to London during the week-end thought that the cargo consisted chiefly of dates!

Only the officers knew that there was something of real value in the strong-room beneath the bridge.

The vessel, a tramp steamer, is now lying on the mud in the Thames near Rotherhithe, with dirty barges jostling her, and the black walls of warehouses encompassing her.

She crept up the river with nothing to indicate that she was of more importance than a score of other tramps from across the seas which came up with the tide. A cargo of dates and rye lay in her holds.

But the Baharistan was met by a guard of police at the Rotherhithe Wharf, to the astonishment of the men who were waiting to berth her.

They did not know that she contained treasures which the Shah of Persia has loaned for the International Exhibition of Persia Art at the Royal Academy in January.

Behind Sealed Doors.

I was on board the Baharistan yesterday, writes a Press representative, but there was no sign of the treasure. It was behind the sealed doors of the ship's strong room and the keys are kept by Captain Dodds.

You could go and make friends with Dennis, the wild pig brought over for the Zoo, who lived in a cage on the poop deck and found the Bay of Biscay very trying, and you could listen to the carpenter's bul-bul singing in the cabin, but if you went forward to the strong room a guard of policemen barred your way.

The police guard will be aboard until the treasure is removed to-morrow. Police will watch the unloading, and will guard the motor lorries on their way through the streets.

"We knew we were taking treasure aboard," a ship's officer said, "because of the precautions at Abadan, the Persian port. There were a number of crates covered with canvas and carrying big seals. They came by car, and were accompanied by a squad of Persian soldiers with fixed bayonets, who stood by the strong room door was locked and sealed."

First Time in Europe.

No one knew, however, what was in the crates, and except for the officers no one knew that the tramp was carrying anything more valuable than dates.

Great secrecy was observed. A golden argosy like this tramp might have tempted some adventurers to revive the ancient piratical industry! There are marauders off the Arabian coasts who might have given the Baharistan an exciting trip.

Probably only two or three people as yet know exactly what is in the treasure crates, although the contents are known generally.

"The crates have not yet been opened," said Sir Edward Denison Ross, director of the School of Oriental Studies yesterday, "but they contain ancient sculptures, books and manuscripts that have never previously been seen in Europe. Their value cannot be estimated. They are worth untold money."

Aeroplane Foils Bandits.

The treasure was brought over the mountains from Teheran by aeroplanes at the command of the Shah of Persia in order to outwit the bandits who haunt those places. A forced landing would probably have meant death for the airmen, although they were armed to the teeth. The bandits had the mortification of seeing Crown jewels of Persia flying over their heads.

There are rubies and emeralds, turquoise and diamonds, silken carpets woven by the ancients of the East in gold and silver and brought from the tombs of the old Shahs. Some of these objects of Persian art, worth a king's ransom, have never been gazed on by an unbeliever... all resting on the Thames mud in a tramp steamer, with Dennis the hog rum-maging for scraps on the poop deck.

to the story, and the acting throughout is really excellent. Marion Davies takes the lead with great success, and she has opposite her Lawrence Gray, who is equally good. The other parts are also in capable hands. The film is well worth seeing, being light and entertaining, with some happy musical features. In addition, there is a news reel and a really funny Laurel and Hardy comedy.

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SHIELD SOCCER.

DRAW FOR FORTHCOMING LOCAL MATCHES.

Draws for the Shield Competition and International Charity Cup matches were carried out at a meeting of the Hongkong Football Association last evening.

The following were the results of the first round draws:

Senior Shield.

South Wales Borderers v. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, at Sookunpoo.

Kowloon v. Police, at Kowloon.

Junior Shield.

South Wales Borderers v. Police, at Sookunpoo.

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders v. Royal Navy, at Kowloon F.C.

Royal Artillery v. St. Joseph's, at Chatham Road.

Charity Cup.

Scotland v. England on Christmas Day.

China v. Portugal on Boxing Day. Both matches to be played on the Club ground.

Armistice Day Receipts.

It was stated that gross receipts for the match played on Armistice Day between the Services and the Rest amounted to \$695. The meeting passed a resolution allocating the gross receipts to the Poppy Day Fund.

Following were the Committee appointed to take charge of the arrangements for the next Interport matches:

Mr. J. Ormiston, Captain Deacon and the following members of the Emergency Committee—Messrs. H. K. Lee, R. K. Duncan and H. M. McTavish.

HOCKEY.

HONGKONG CLUB'S TEAM TO MEET Y.M.C.A.

The following have been selected to play for the Hongkong Hockey Club against the Y. M. C. A. at the club ground on Friday, at 5 p.m.:—

R. W. Sapsed, G. A. L. Plummer, T. R. Rowell, D. A. Rushton, M. G. Mills, B. L. Stock, S. J. H. Fox, Anderson, M. A. F. Kerrick, T. W. Southam, R. G. Edwards-Jones.

Y. M. C. A. Teams.

The following will represent the Y. M. C. A. against the Royal Corps of Signals at King's Park this afternoon. Bully-off 5.10 p.m.:—F. Cope, W. Stoker, A. Jackson, P. J. Lyon, R. A. Bates, W. H. Stonell, L. Tipple, L. Macey, W. H. Smith, W. Parker and H. Keyserling.

The following will play against the Somerset Light Infantry on Saturday

LOCAL CRICKET.

R.A.S.C. DEFEAT R.E. BY FOUR RUNS.

A very exciting game was played at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon, when the Royal Army Service Corps defeated the Royal Engineers by only four runs in a League fixture. The last Engineers' wicket fell to the last ball of the last over!

Batting first, the Service Corps knocked up 59, Driver Cole being top-scorer with 29. Private Mackay helped with 15 and Lance Corporal Simpson made 14. Extras totaled 23. Sergeant Harrison was in good form with the ball for the Engineers, his four wickets costing only four runs apiece.

Himbury had a good knock for the Engineers, making no fewer than 44 of his side's total of 95. He was shaping well and was very unfortunate to get out to the last ball of the last over. Simpson was the most successful bowler for the Service Corps, capturing four wickets for 20 runs.

A Drawn Match at the Kowloon C.C.

On Tuesday the Married members of the Kowloon Cricket Club did battle with their happier colleagues. The Benedicts batted first and made 185 for six wickets. W. Brace contributed a century not out and Geo. Lee 46. The Unfettered replied with 148 for three wickets, of which W. C. Hung made a bright 67.

Civil Service Teams.

The following have been selected to represent the Civil Service C.C. on the home ground at 2 p.m., on Saturday, in a friendly match against the Garrison C.C.:—

E. B. Reed (Capt.), G. R. Sayer, K. H. Griffiths, F. Baker, B. D. Evans, F. J. Ling, J. E. Richardson, R. M. Wood, J. Barrow, D. R. Kelly, F. H. Holdman.

The C.S.C. 2nd team against the R.A.S.C. in a friendly match on the Sookunpoo ground, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, will be:

A. W. Grimmett (Capt.), H. E. Strange, E. W. Hamilton, R. G. Robertson, J. F. McGowan, J. M. Wilson, A. E. Wood, F. E. Matthews, E. C. K. Hawkins, W. H. Edwards, W. Harris-Walker, Reserves, J. Evans and R. R. Davies.

at King's Park—T. Ingram, A. Tate, R. Dormer, H. Keyserling, R. A. Bates, P. Lyon, L. Tipple, L. Macey, W. H. Smith, W. Parker and J. Smith.

For their friendly match with the H.K. Hockey Club reserves at King's Park to-morrow afternoon, the Y.M.C.A. will be represented by—F. Atves, G. P. Rees and H. Mundy; G. Mitchell, F. Allen and A. R. Brown; T. Tate, G. Kearns, T. Martin, F. R. Ashton and T. J. Price.

CUBAN SUGAR SALES.

DECISION IN FAVOUR OF THE CHADBOURNE PLAN.

New York, Nov. 12.

A message from Havana states that the Cuban House of Representatives, by 91 to 13, has passed for submission to the Senate a Bill to finance Mr. Chadbourne's \$42,000,000 plan to re-establish normal conditions in the Cuban sugar industry.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[A Havana message of October 15 stated that President Machado had requested sugar producers throughout Cuba to co-operate in carrying out the plan of Mr. Chadbourne, the American sugar expert, whereby a million and a half tons of sugar will be placed in the hands of a single organization, which will regulate its sale over a period of two or three years.]

JUNIOR PING PONG LEAGUE.

FINAL TO BE DECIDED ON SATURDAY.

Latest results of the above League are as follows:

Kangto School beat Hip Wah A.A. W.O.

Chinese A.A. beat Filipino Club 32 games to 3.

Commercial Press beat Ho Hong Bank 19 games to 16.

Hip Keung A.A. beat Hop Chee Club 27 games to 8.

Ho Hong Bank beat Indian R.C. 30 games to 6.

Chinese Catholic beat Hip Wah A.A. W.O.

Ho Hong Bank beat Nam Chung A.A. W.O.

Kangto School beat Hin Kun School 20 games to 15.

Hop Chee Club beat Filipino Club W.O.

Nam Mo A.A. beat Nam Chung A.A. W.O.

All the matches have now been played off, and the Champions will be decided on Saturday evening, the 15th inst. at the Chinese Catholic Club, when the South China A.A. will meet the Hip Keung A.A.

Troops Retake Tsingshih.

Peking, Nov. 12.

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Celia Mitchell, 17, faces a new life when she leaves the home in Baltimore where she has lived with her widowed mother, Margaret Rogers, to join her father, John Mitchell, and her grandmother in a stately New York dwelling.

The girl had not even known her father was living until the day he came to the Baltimore apartment. Celia had supposed Bob Rogers, her mother's second husband, to be her father. Mitchell offers the girl a life of wealth and immediately enrolling her in the best schools, unaware that Mrs. Rogers is seriously ill, and she leaves Barney Shields, ambitious young newspaper photographer, who swears that some day he and Celia will be married.

The girl is lonely and ill at ease in her new home. Mitchell finds her in tears one evening and is worried. He appeals to Mrs. Evelyn Parsons, beautiful widow whose husband had been Mitchell's close friend. Mrs. Parsons agrees to introduce Celia to the right set of young people though it is obvious she regards the girl as a means to gain Mitchell's affections.

To this end she invites Celia to spend a week-end at her Long Island home and make every effort to seem charming. Among the other guests is a young man who attracts Celia's interest.

CHAPTER XVIII.

It was characteristic of Evelyn Parsons that she should seek to win her way by pleasant means first. These failing, she was quick to change her tactics.

Evelyn was engaged in such "pleasant" plotting when she invited Tod Jordan to join her week-end house party. Jordan was exactly the type to fascinate an unsophisticated girl like Celia.

They stood near the doorway. Evelyn very smart in a gown of sea-green stuff which contrasted brilliantly with her hair, and the young man bending toward her attentively.

"Must you always be more interested in other women?" she chided archly.

Jordan's quick answer deepened Mrs. Parsons' smile. She had always been sensitive to flattery.

"The girl you're to be particularly nice to is the little one in pink," she went on.

Celia was designated. Without apparently shifting his gaze Jordan made a hasty appraisal, missing few details of Celia's appearance. One eyebrow rose the merest trifle. Otherwise he offered no comment.

"Who else is there you don't know?" Evelyn asked.

"There's only one I have met—Eve Brooks."

"Come! I'll introduce you."

Celia Mitchell, who had been watching this tableau from the divan across the room, turned her head and began talking to Lisi Duncan. She was curious about the newcomer. Who was he? Evelyn had mentioned the names of all her other guests. And this man looked like someone important. She tried to conceal her interest.

"Celia," Evelyn Parsons was saying, "this is Tod Jordan. One of my shipmates on the boat this last trip. He's violently prejudiced about brown eyes, so I brought him to you."

"How do you do!" Celia said.

She looked up to encounter Tod Jordan's cool, quizzical smile. Jordan was just under six feet in height. He was slender, but well built, with a touch of militarism in the way he carried his shoulders. His face was bronzed, not ruddily sunburned, as were the other men. He had dark hair and eyes which seemed faintly challenging.

Perhaps Jordan was 25. Perhaps he was 30. There was a hard, polished surface to his manner which impressed Celia. She labelled it "sophistication."

The man bowed formally. "I am delighted," he said, taking her hand. "May I sit here?"

"Of course."

There was plenty of room on the divan, but Celia moved a little to one side. Lisi Duncan, who sat at Celia's left, evidently felt slighted and turned her back. Mrs. Parsons had joined another group.

"Our hostess is very brave," Jordan remarked casually.

"Oh, I think Mrs. Parsons is wonderful," Celia told him.

"Beautiful, the young man corrected her, "and very brave."

"I don't believe I understand."

"No? But it's so obvious. When a woman of Evelyn's age dares to invite into her home such competition—"

A meaningful wave of the hand completed the sentence.

Celia blushed. She was embarrassed and yet pleased. While Jordan was speaking there was not a trace of emotion in his face, but his voice had an exciting quality. She knew too that the pink net party dress was becoming.

Lisi Duncan turned, evidently to make a demand on Jordan's attention. She wanted to know if he had seen a certain night club entertainer. Lisi was an amusing girl, not at all like her sister Kate, who was beautiful and dignified. Lisi was boyish, awkward, and wore her red hair cropped short. Her little freckled face (sunburned, too) would have looked more at home on a tennis court than at a dinner party, but she appeared to go everywhere and know everyone. She had a way of drawing original slang, which was highly humorous.

Now she launched into extra-

gant praise of the new saxophone player. Celia felt that she liked Lisi better than the others.

Young Mrs. Brooks, whom no one called anything but "Eve," was blonde and pretty in a more fragile way than Evelyn Parsons. Eve wore a gown of lemon yellow and looked like a slender daffodil. There was a young man on either side of her, but Celia noticed Mrs. Brooks darting frequent looks at Tod Jordan.

Courtney Brooks was explaining something to Kate Duncan and Mrs. Parsons. Kate's gown was glittering white with trailing skirt and a bodice which had shocked Celia. The dress was undoubtedly becoming to its brunette wearer. Almost anything Celia thought, would look handsome on Kate Duncan, but her bored manner was a little frightening.

Dinner was announced. Celia thrilled secretly when she found she was to sit between Tod Jordan and Jimmie Webster. Eve Brooks was at the other side of Webster and promptly monopolized him. That left Jordan to Celia.

Mrs. Parsons, at the head of the table, took note of this. The smile which she turned toward her right-hand guest was not in the least forced.

Evelyn had felt confident about Tod Jordan. That is, she was confident that he would serve her purpose. Of Jordan's actual history she was as much at a loss as four-fifths of his acquaintances.

She had said truthfully that she had met Jordan on the ocean liner. She had chatted with him in a deck chair, strolled occasionally in the moonlight and watched him invariably winning at cards. Being observant Evelyn had noticed Jordan was usually to be seen with young women who had large bank accounts, and with men he met in the card room.

His working hours, she decided, were those he spent at cards. Was his name really Jordan? Evelyn doubted this, but of course there was no proof. He seemed to know the right people, and he was tremendously effective on a romantic deck at night.

The widow's reasoning was simple. At present Celia Mitchell was useful to her but that usefulness would end soon. Jordan was exactly the aide she needed. Evelyn Parsons was playing her cards well.

The dinner that evening was very gay. The table with its flowers and silver and crystal was more festive than anything Celia had ever seen. The colours of the women's gowns added glamour to the scene. No one in the room realized that this was the first party Celia Mitchell had ever attended.

Jordan talked of the races, polo, and a recent aerial trip he had made which ended in excitement.

"But you haven't told me anything about yourself!" he reminded her.

"There's nothing to tell."

"That is quite impossible."

Again Celia's cheeks coloured. Without a smile, without the least change of inflection, Tod Jordan managed to convey implications. His dark eyes watched the girl.

"But there really is nothing to tell," she laughed. "You see, New York and everything here is new to me. I've been in school until a month ago. I've never seen anything or been anywhere! That's why it's so wonderful to come to this party."

Again Jordan's eyebrow did the little trick of raising and then lowering itself ever so slightly.

"Are you a relative of Mrs. Parsons?" he asked.

"No, no! Only she and my father are old friends. Father's coming down tomorrow."

"Really?"

Celia would have been astounded to know that Tod Jordan could quote her father's financial rating precisely. He had considerably more information about John Mitchell than had Mitchell's daughter.

"But all this time you've been in school you must have been doing something," the man persisted.

"How do you amuse yourself? Tennis? Like to swim? Dance?"

"I'm no good at tennis," Celia said, "but I love swimming and dancing."

"Then I'm glad I came. I insist on the first dance."

He turned his head to reply to Kate Duncan. Celia for several moments was neglected.

There was a haze of smoke across the table, dimming the candle light. Jimmie Webster was recounting polo anecdotes in a loud voice. Soprano laughter and ringing bass interrupted. Celia thought Webster was growing a trifle rowdy.

She noticed that Eve Brooks was flirting openly both with Jimmie and Walter Carr. Nobody seemed surprised or even interested in this. Eve's husband had been devoting the evening to Kate Duncan.

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"I want to talk to you," Jordan was saying softly. "Can't we get away from this?"

Celia's pulse quickened, but she shook her head. It was near the end of the dessert course.

Suddenly Eve Brooks pushed back her chair and stood up.

"Who's going to dance with me?" she called out, her eyes directly on Walter Carr. "Who's going to dance with me right now?"

She and Carr departed. A few moments later a radio fox trot burst on the air.

The others were rising. Jordan caught Celia's arm and led her through the living room to the porch. There was a soft breeze, and the lawn was drenched with moonlight. The radio orchestra was playing a waltz now. Jordan sang the words:

"Stars and steel guitars,
And luscious lips as red as wine—"

They danced in perfect rhythm. Celia was conscious of Jordan's close embrace, and that her heart was pounding.

"I left her and threw away The key to Paradise—"

It was an orchestra leader in a night club who was singing the ballad. The tune beat in the girl's ears.

The music ended. The dancers hesitated. There was no one else in sight. For a trembling moment Celia's eyes met Jordan's.

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GATHERING OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL BRANCH.

A large gathering of members of the Royal Engineers' Old Comrades Association sat round the festive board at the Savoy Hotel last night. Colonel R. B. Skinner, O.B.E., the President of the Association, was the chairman, and he was supported by Lieutenant Colonel W. M. Marsden.

After full justice had been done to the excellent menu provided, the Chairman proposed the toast of the King, which was enthusiastically drunk.

Lt. Colonel Marsden next proposed the toast of the Corps, in a few well chosen words.

In proposing the toast of the Royal Engineers' Old Comrades Association, Lieutenant P. T. Mahoney gave a brief review of the Association. He said that it was formed in October, 1918, for the purpose of keeping war comrades in touch with each other. Since its formation, the Association had gone on from strength to strength, increasing in its membership. Its success was mainly due to the sound principles on which it was working, and which were the objects of the Association.

As they all knew, the mind of the world was changing, and statesmen of all nations were striving to find a way to ensure that there should be no further war. The general idea prevalent was that no one wanted war. The soldiers did not want war nor did sane men. It was only the lunatics and fools who wanted war. He was perfectly sure that all the efforts to prevent war in the future would be successful.

Outlining the objects of the Association, the speaker said that they were threefold. Firstly, to encourage a spirit of good com-

radeship among its ranks. Secondly, to obtain employment for all its members; and thirdly, to ensure assistance to members, their widows and their children. Besides these objects there were three other minor ones, such as recommending the Corps to young men, circulating information about the Corps, and providing information for as many of its members as possible on their death. He stressed all these objects as belonging to the category of social service. It was up to them to play their part and do all they could to further the objects of the Association.

The speaker concluded by paying tributes to the work done by the Secretary, Mr. Robins, the other officials and the Committee.

A musical entertainment, towards which several members contributed their talents, wound up a most successful function.

THE ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

(Continued from Page 2.)

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Mr. Ba Fe, on behalf of Burma, expressed Burma's affection for England. "I hope we shall soon take our place as equal partners with the other dominions of the great British Empire."—*Reuter.*

Karachi Hindus Protest.

Karachi, Nov. 12. As a protest against the opening of the Indian Round Table Conference in London, the Hindus here observed a hartal (day of mourning, involving a cessation of work). All their shops and markets were closed, but Moslem and European traders were not affected.—*Reuter.*

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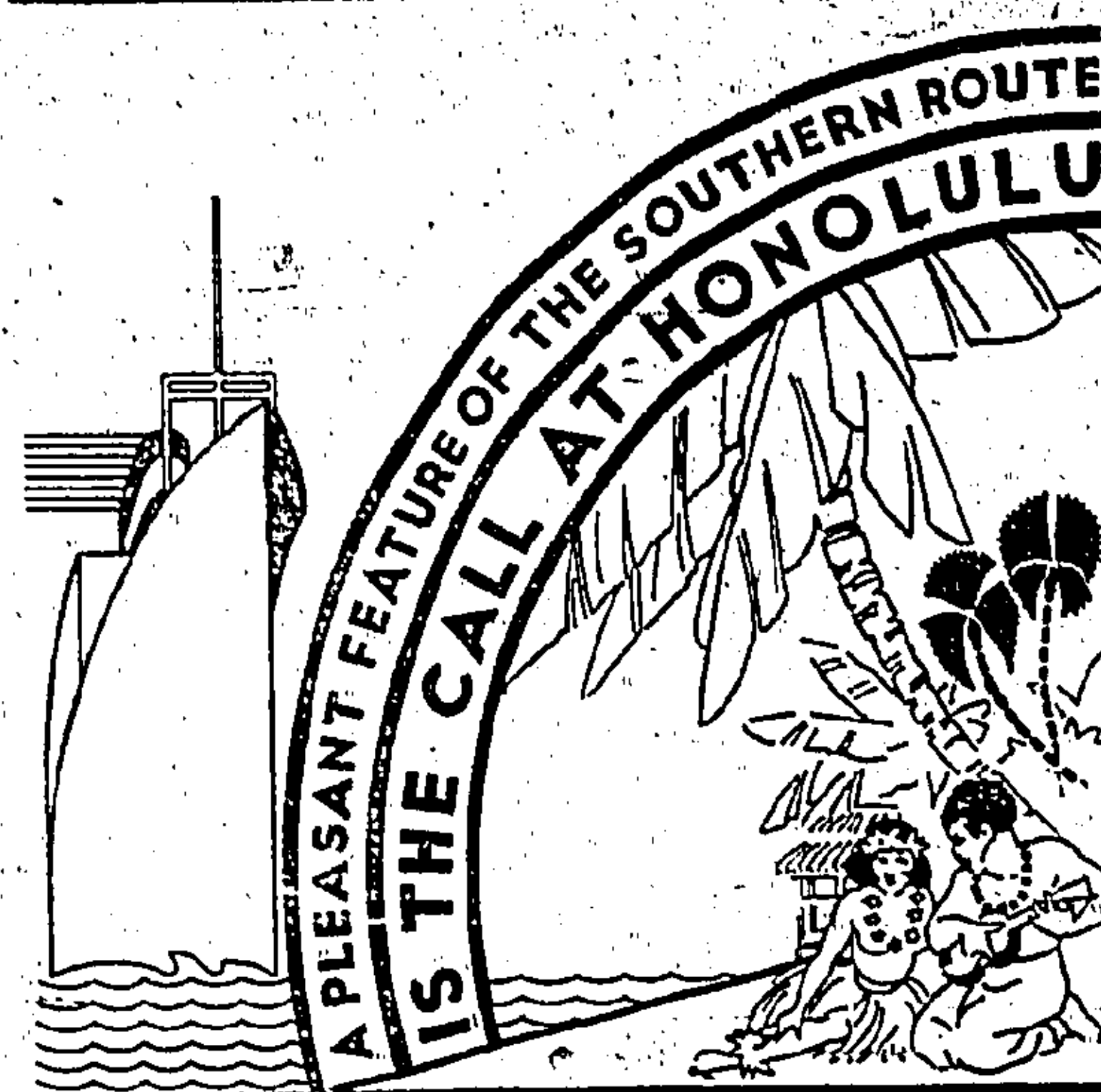
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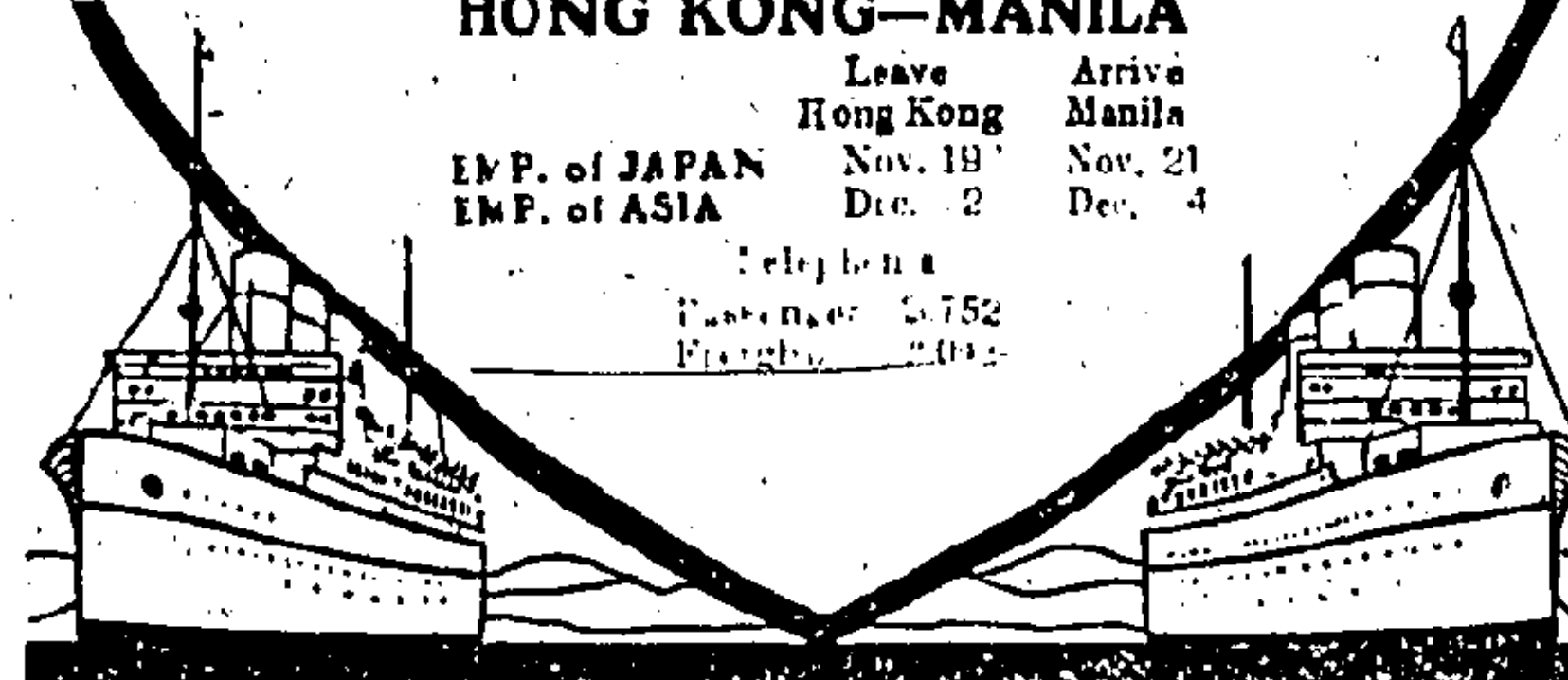
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ACTION FOR WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE FAILS.

Mrs. R. T. Matheson, of Huntingdon, Stubbs Road, was the defendant in an action in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Justice Jack, when she was sued by Szeoff Hanissay, chauffeur, for \$60 wages in lieu of notice, as driver of her motor car. Both parties conducted their own cases.

Plaintiff stated that he was engaged as chauffeur at a wage of \$60 a month on September 1, this year. On the afternoon of October 8 he was taken ill with stomach trouble and did not return to work until the 11th. Mrs. Matheson then told him that he would have to pay \$7 a day towards the expenses of public cars while he had been sick. He refused to do so with the result that she dismissed him.

Plaintiff further stated that, having obtained another position with Mr. Sturt in September, which he finally took up on October 15, he gave notice to Mrs. Matheson on October 1. He said he had been paid for September but had not received anything for October. As he was dismissed without notice he claimed for wages.

Three Days' Damages. His Lordship pointed out that as plaintiff obtained other work on the 15th he could only claim damages for three days' unemployment.

Mrs. Matheson said that plaintiff was engaged at \$55 a month, which would be increased to \$60 if he was satisfactory. It was also agreed between them that if plaintiff became sick he would provide a substitute driver. When paid his wages on October 1, he gave notice that he was leaving at the end of October.

Defendant continued that when the plaintiff went off sick he was, in fact, not sick, but wanted to leave in order to take up his new job. She said she had been forced to pay between \$8 and \$9 a day for the use of public cars for her guests while plaintiff was absent and when he returned on October 11, she pointed out that he had broken his agreement by not providing a substitute and suggested that he should pay a proportion of the cost. On hearing this, plaintiff simply walked out of the room and did not return to work again. Mrs. Matheson denied that she dismissed him.

His Lordship finally said he was not satisfied that Mrs. Matheson did dismiss the plaintiff, and as the onus was on the plaintiff, he had not satisfied his Lordship that his story was true. Judgment would be given for the defendant with costs.

REDUCING NAVY LIST.

SIX AMERICAN DESTROYERS DELETED.

Washington, Nov. 12. The Navy Department took advantage of Armistice Day to announce that six more destroyers had been deleted from the navy list, as part of the programme that will bring the fleet within the terms of the Naval Treaty.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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Hongkong, 7th November, 1930.

CONCERT IN AID OF LEPER MISSION.

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The first concert of what is hoped will be an annual series in aid of the Chinese Mission to Lepers was held at the Theatre Royal last night, and was attended by His Excellency, Sir William Peel, K.B.E., C.M.G., and Lady Peel and party, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow and Lady Chow and the Hon. Mr. S. W. T'so and party. A long and enjoyable programme was delivered which was well received. The various items included songs, violin solos, Chinese Spring Trio and Cantonese Song, those contributing being Mr. Li Chor-chi, Mr. Balcun, Mr. W. Houston, Mr. Bailey, Mrs. R. Sanger, Mrs. Bruce Wilson, Mrs. Lui Man-shing, Mr. D. Barty and Messrs. Pun In-tat, Lui Man-shing and Ma Ping-lit. Mr. W. J. Geall contributed "A Yorkshire Philosopher." Mr. W. P. Fleming was the accompanist, and in addition music was supplied by members of the band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders by permission of Lieut. Col. R. C. Maclean, M.C.

Prior to the commencement of the concert, a short address was delivered by Mr. P. Y. Lo, assistant secretary of the Mission, who briefly outlined the work of the Mission as already published in these columns, saying there were supposed to be over a million lepers in China and they hoped to rid China of the disease within 30 years if sufficient support was found. So far, he said, they had relied on voluntary contributions from the Hongkong Football Association, St. Stephen's Girls' and Boys' Colleges, and the Hongkong branch of the Ling Nam College, but it was hoped to make the concert an annual one for the purpose of raising funds.

He said that the organisers had received very encouraging support for the concert with more offers of help from artists than they could avail themselves of without making the programme much too long, and although they had been compelled to decline some help yet they were nevertheless grateful that it had been offered.

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Peking, Nov. 12. Yen Hsi-shan has handed over military affairs in Shansi and Suaiyuan to Hsu Yung-cheng, who has taken up his post, but it is understood that Nanking desires Chao Tai-wen for the position, and the Manchurians are suggesting that Shih Yu-san and Fu Tso-yi should together control Shansi.—*Reuter.*

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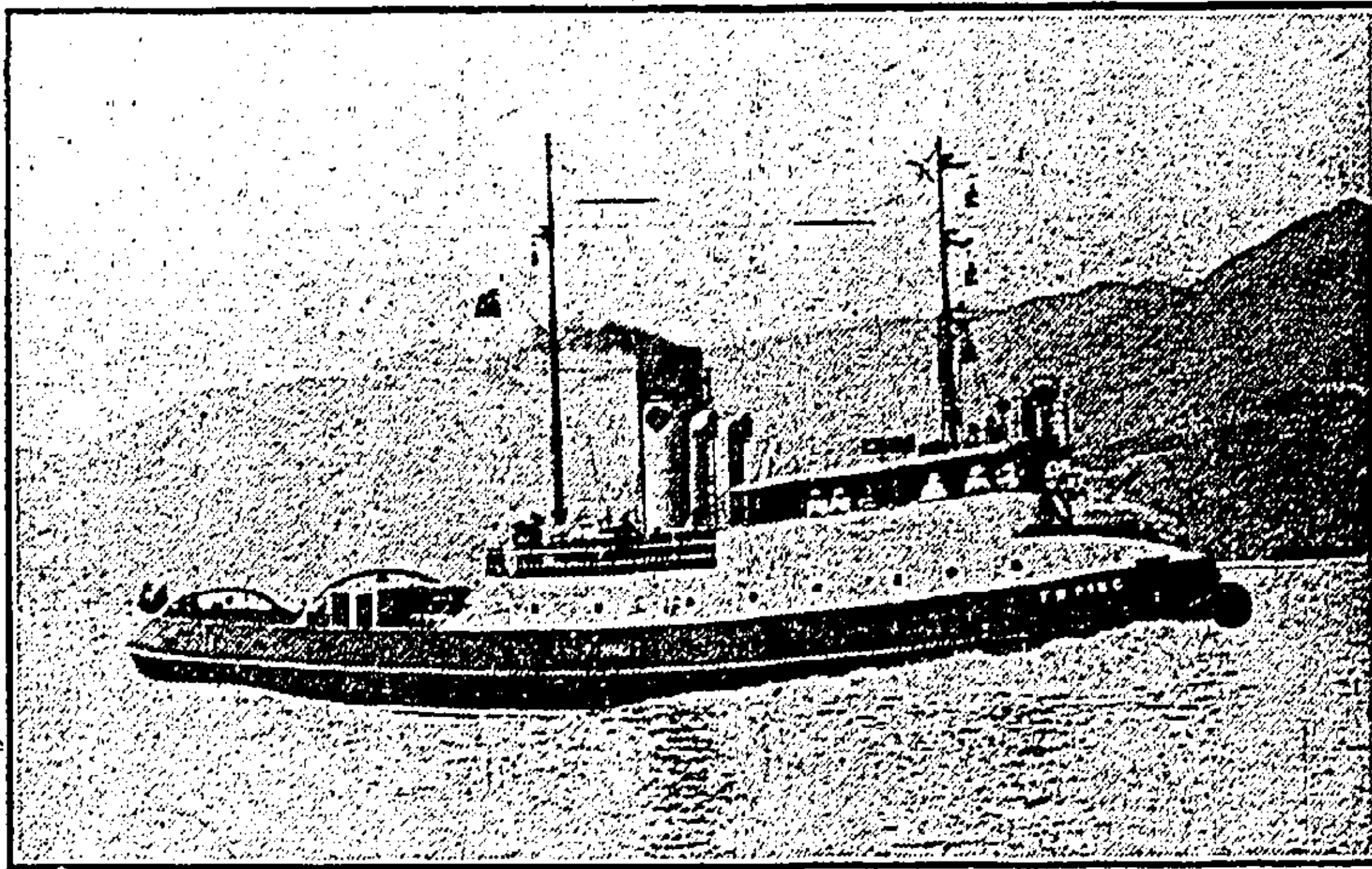
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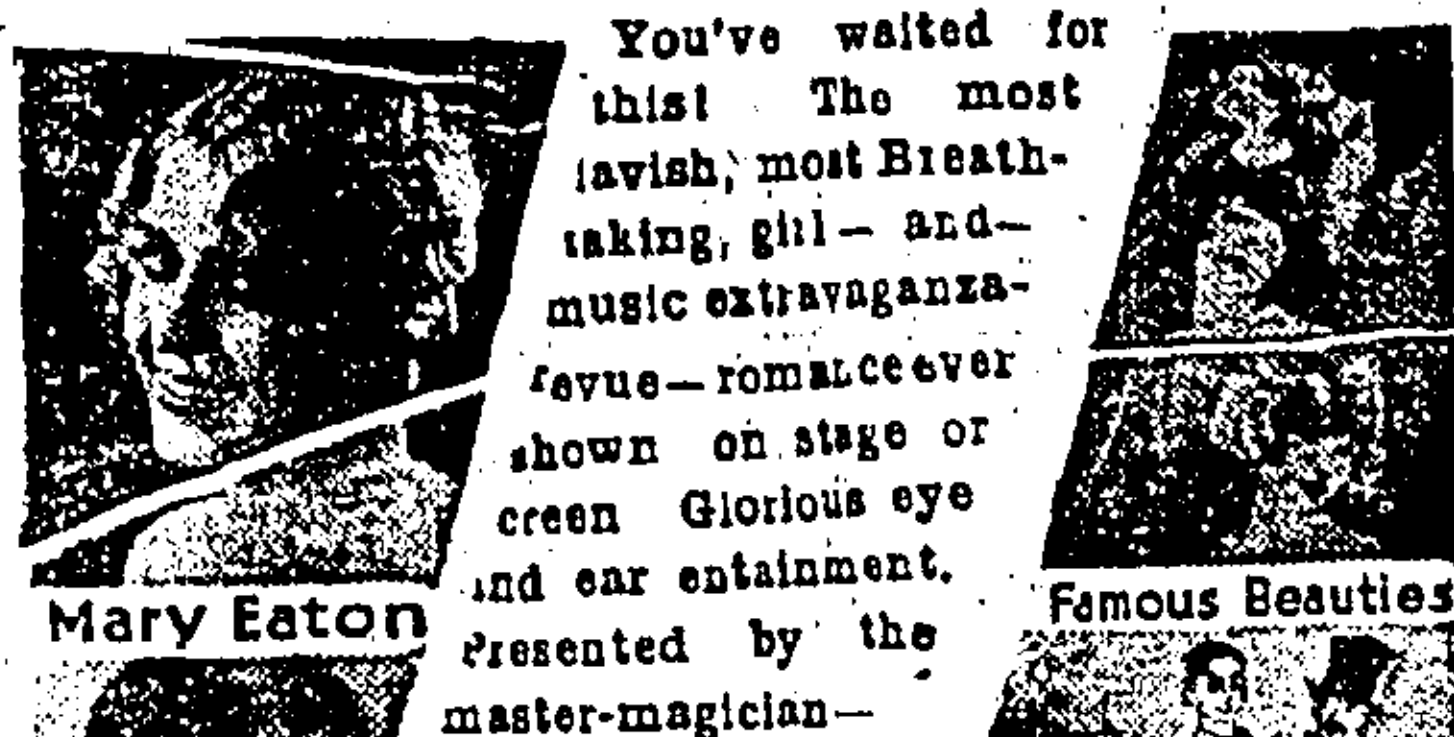
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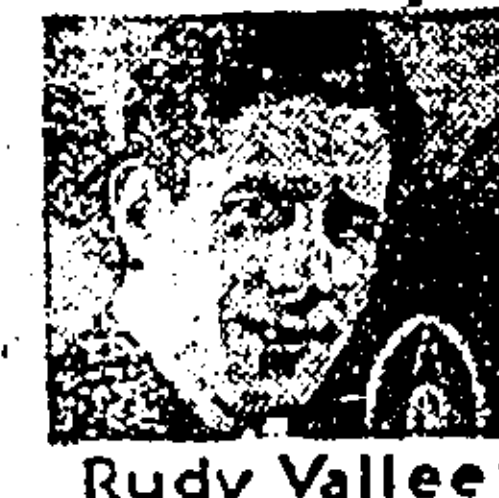
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A.D.C. PRESENT TWO PLAYS.

EXCELLENT PERFORMANCES
LAST NIGHT.

With a very fair attendance, the entertainment offered by the Hongkong A.D.C. last night at the Helena May Institute proved quite a success. The programme consisted of two short plays—"Snobs" and "Half an Hour." In both plays the part of the manservant was taken by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, who filled the role with really remarkable exactitude. Mr. E. W. Hamilton, as Herbert Bradbury in "Snobs," gave a fine interpretation of the latent snobishness of a self-made man, while his wife (Peggy Newbiggin) carried out her part to perfection. Mr. A. Sommerfeldt as Lord William Saville, escaped from Dartmoor Prison, was inclined to overdo his part, but nevertheless gave a very good portrayal of a young man of rank who, despite all his snobishness, has fallen into evil ways.

"Half an Hour" was not so successful as "Snobs" on account of the cramped stage which allowed of but limited movement. It was, however, well played, the outstanding parts being those of Lady Lilian (Evelyn Grist) and Dr. Brodie (C. Champkin). While in "Snobs" Mr. Lindsell took a distinctly leading part in "Half an Hour" his role was a minor one, yet played excellently. The comic element was injected into the play by the appearance of Susie (Miss Joyce Miskin).

Both plays were well received and gave promise of an excellent rendering of "The Middle Watch," which is to be produced by the same players at the Theatre Royal commencing on Saturday.

ROBBED FORMER EMPLOYER.

MAN GIVEN BED AND THEN STEALS MONEY.

Wat Hoi was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for having stolen \$53 from Ma Pee-kam, shopkeeper of 249, Reclamation Street.

Detective Sergeant Fitches said the defendant was a former fink of the complainant, being dismissed about a month ago. On the morning of November 11, at about four o'clock, the defendant went to the complainant's shop and asked to be given a bed to rest for some time. The complainant also slept in the same room. Defendant was given a bed and after he had left in the morning, the complainant found that a box, in which money was kept, had been forced open. The defendant was arrested the same night with \$23.90 in his possession.

Defendant said he took only \$30. He was out of a job and wanted some money.

BRITISH POLICY IN PALESTINE.

SOME ESSENTIAL POINTS MISINTERPRETED.

London, Nov. 12. In the House of Commons at question-time to-day, answering the Opposition with regard to British policy in Palestine, the Prime Minister said that the Government White Paper issued after the receipt of the Hope Simpson Report had given rise to misunderstanding and had been misinterpreted in some of its essential points.

The Government, therefore, did not intend to proclaim Ordinances before the White Paper was discussed in the House of Commons. He emphasised that the Government intended to carry out its mandatory obligations to both sections of the population in Palestine.—British Wireless.

DYNAMITE STORED IN MATCHED.

CONTRACTOR FINED FOR NEGLIGENCE.

ABERDEEN DISCOVERY

A summons for storing a quantity of dynamite and detonators in a matched, instead of in a magazine, was brought against a building contractor in charge of construction work at Aberdeen, before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning. Sergeant Cunningham informed his Worship that he visited the matched and found a quantity of dynamite and detonators in a locker in a matched on the site. There was one man lying in the shed with an oil lamp burning. The dynamite tallied with the amount that should have been in the magazine.

A representative of the contractor told the Court that although his firm were in charge, the excavation contract was sublet to another contractor who employed his own men. Instructions were given that all dangerous goods were to be kept in the magazine, but apparently through the ignorance of the men it was stored in the matched. It was subsequently found that one of the two watchmen engaged at the magazine had returned to the country, while the other was sick, and he thought it would be safer for the dynamite to be taken from the magazine and put in the matched.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$50 and pointed out that it was not sufficient for the contractor to give instructions; he had to see that the regulations were actually carried out.

EMPIRE ECONOMIC ISSUES.

DISCUSSIONS TO COME TO END TO-DAY.

London, Nov. 12. The heads of the delegations to the Imperial Conference continued their consideration of the economic aspects of inter-imperial relations this afternoon, and adjourned until to-morrow morning, when they hope to conclude their discussion on economic questions, including suggestions for the quota system, Import Boards and bulk purchase which have been put forward as possible alternatives to Imperial Preference by means of tariffs.

In the afternoon, they will continue the discussion of foreign affairs begun yesterday. That will be the last meeting at which General Hertzog will be present as he proposes to sail for South Africa on Friday. He will, of course, be represented at the final Plenary Session of the Conference, which is fixed provisionally for Friday morning.—British Wireless.

NAVAL SEAPLANE SAFEGUARDS.

COLLAPSIBLE DINGHIES TO BE CARRIED.

London, Nov. 12. Mr. F. Montague, Under-Secretary for Air, stated in the House of Commons to-day that a life-saving collapsible dinghy, which could be rapidly inflated by mechanical means, had recently been subjected to practical tests with satisfactory results and would be carried on all sea-going seaplanes large enough to be so equipped.

Action was being taken to improve the buoyancy of all aircraft operating from aircraft carriers and of all metal sea-going aeroplanes up to a standard of at least two or three hours' buoyancy in fair weather.—British Wireless.

QUOTA SYSTEM FOR WORLD DRUGS.

SCHEME DRAWN UP AT LONDON CONFERENCE.

London, Nov. 12. The preliminary opium conference which commenced its labour in London towards the end of last month, with Sir Malcolm Delevingne in the chair, has concluded.

It is learned that the delegations, representing eleven countries concerned in the manufacture of drugs, have reached a provisional agreement regarding the manufacture of cocaine, under which certain manufacturing quotas will be allocated to the various manufacturing countries. Consideration of the allocation of further quotas for the manufacture of morphine and its derivatives will be continued by the representatives of the various Governments concerned with the object of reaching an agreement before the meeting in January of the Opium Advisory Committee of the League of Nations.

The scheme drawn up by the conference does not cover Turkey or Japan. The delegates of these countries reserved their decisions.—Reuter.

PRIME MINISTER FOR BOLDNESS.

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templated in the Declaration of 1917 is the attainment of Dominion Status. The other was made by the Viceroy in July this year. It promises India the enjoyment of as large a degree of management of her own affairs as could be shown to be compatible with the necessity for making provision for those matters in regard to which she is not yet in a position to assume responsibility. Our allotted task is to interpret these statements liberally and to translate them courageously into possible measures.

Mr. Ba Pe, the Burmese delegate, said: "We believe that friendly discussion will remove the obstacles and solve the problems that viewed from one standpoint only, appear unsurmountable or insoluble."—British Wireless.

DAYLIGHT OUTRAGE BY PIRATES.

(Continued from Page 1.) kidnapped, with his second assistant, is Mr. Tong Siu-hing, a native of Swatow.

The Pirated Ship. The s.s. Hirundo is a sister ship to three other boats, the Helios, Hellas and Hirma, all of which are often in Hongkong harbour. She was built in Norway in 1926 and is 280 feet long; moulded breadth, 42 feet; moulded depth, 20 feet 1 inch. Her gross tonnage is 1,926.

She is owned by the Bruusgaard Kistner and Company, of Drammen, Norway, for whom Messrs. Thorsen and Company Limited, of Queen's Building, are agents. The pirated vessel regularly runs between Hongkong, Swatow and Bangkok, and is officered by six Europeans and one Chinese, her captain being Mr. John A. Pedersen. The crew is composed of 74 Chinese.

When seized by the pirates the vessel was carrying a general cargo and about 200 Chinese passengers. It is believed there were no European passengers on board. She left Hongkong for Swatow and Bangkok on Sunday morning, and Swatow for Bangkok direct at 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

Mail has been received at the American Consulate General for the following persons:—Wm. R. Attaway, Ch. L. Boender, Miss F. Bostwick, G. Carey, Chong Lok, Rev. J. J. Corbett, S. Domingo, T. Durdin, H. C. Evans, P. Hambleton, E. Hamilton, A. H. Martin, J. A. McGee, I. C. Moller, J. Murphy, S. J. Newman, W. C. Oakland, F. N. Shumaker, Mrs. K. Smith, E. Snow, G. L. Townsend, Wardley, W. B. Williamson.

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